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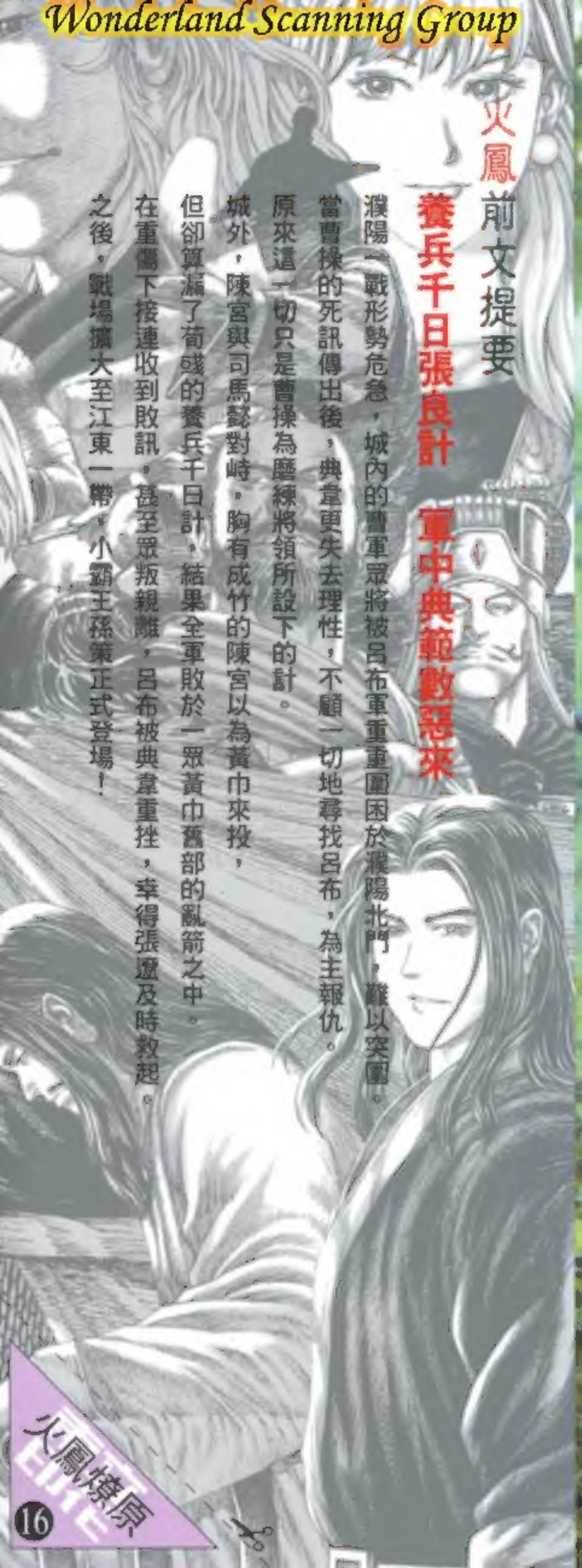

## 火鳳燎原

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## 火鳳前文提要

**養兵千日張良計　軍中典範數惡來**

濮陽一戰形勢危急，城內的曹軍眾將被呂布軍重重圍困於濮陽北門，難以突圍。當曹操的死訊傳出後，典韋更失去理性，不顧一切地尋找呂布，為主報仇。原來這一切只是曹操為磨練將領所設下的計。

城外，陳宮與司馬懿對峙，胸有成竹的陳宮以為黃巾來投，但卻算漏了荀彧的養兵千日計，結果全軍敗於一眾黃巾舊部的亂箭之中。

在重傷下接連收到敗訊，甚至眾叛親離，呂布被典韋重挫，幸得張遼及時救起。

之後，戰場擴大至江東一帶，小霸王孫策正式登場！



The Ravages of Time

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# 敗北の記

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XINDONG-CHENG

LUCK-ILY THEY MADE IT ON TIME.

I WONDER HOW LONG IT WILL KEEP RAINING? FOOD SUPPLY TRANSPORTS ARE AFFECTED. BUT...

TELL ME, ARE YOU HERE TO JOIN US, OR HERE TO...

YUAN SHU IS IMMORAL, THOSE WITH THE RIGHT WILL SHOULD JOIN THE OPPOSITION FORCE.

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DOWN WITH YUAN SHU

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# CHAPTER 126 THREE ASSASSINS

YEAH, DON'T WAKE OUR LORD.

AH, PERSUADERS? THEN JUST GIVE US THE LETTER AND LEAVE!

NO NEED, LET ME SPEAK FOR HIM!

A- ASSAS- SINS!?

WHERE?

SOMEBODY! ASSASSINS HAVE COME FOR OUR LORD'S LIFE!

HEH! AND ANOTHER THING, WE'RE THE DIVERSION.

WHAT KIND OF ASSASSINS WOULD ACT SO BOLD AS YOU?

WEI-RDO.

YUAN SHU DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH US, SO NOW HE'S EVEN SENDING ASSASSINS.

PLEASE RELAX, MY LORD, I KNOW WHAT TO DO.

ASSAS-SINS?

I'LL TAKE THE RIGHT SIDE.

THEN... THE LEFT SIDE IS MINE.

LAO DA, THAT'S KIND OF HARD...

DON'T BE TOO DEADLY, GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

I... WILL DO MY BEST!

殺
KILL~

PENG~

GUARD THIS DOORWAY, WATCH OUT FOR THE ENEMY!

GENERAL! THOSE TWO.. ARE REALLY POWERFUL!

HOLD YOUR POSITION! DON'T LET THEM GET IN!

WE CAN STILL FIGHT THEM WITHOUT RAISING A RACKET.

PUT OUT THE LIGHTS.

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WHY BE AFRAID OF ONLY TWO ASSASSINS? KEEP IT DOWN, OUR LORD NEEDS TO REST.

HURRY! FORMA-TIONS.

THIS IS THE ONLY WAY IN.

A PEACEFUL WAY... TO DIE.

QUIET, I HEAR FOOT-STEPS.

WHO'S TALKING? KEEP IT DOWN!

HE'S COMING! STAY ALERT!

OVER THERE! FIRE!

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GOT HIM! LIGHTS!

WH...
WHY IS
IT... THE
GENERAL?

CAPTAIN, THAT GUY WENT UPSTAIRS FROM THE BACK!

QUIET! DON'T DISTURB OUR LORD.

GENERAL! HE'S... HE'S ON THE SECOND FLOOR.

TA.

HE'S COMING.

TA!

TA!

TA!

TA!

TA!

DIE YOU ASSASSIN!

PA~

PA~

KOIL~

QUIET!

PA~

PA~

PA~

THAT'S BETTER.

DIE YOU ASSASSIN!

WHERE? WHERE IS HE?

DA~

QUIET!

DA~

DA~

UP...
UP
THERE!

WAH!
WAH!

ANYONE SEEN THE ASSASSIN?
WAH YAH YAH!

EVERYONE GUARD THE DOOR TO OUR LORD'S ROOM, HURRY!

GENERAL! IT'S TOO DARK TO SEE ANYTHING, LET US HAVE THE LIGHT!

!!!

WIN-
DOW.

OH NO, HE CRAWLED THROUGH THE WINDOW!

MY LORD, THERE IS...

OPEN THE DOOR, LET'S GO IN!

THOSE THOSE TRANSPORT TROOPS...

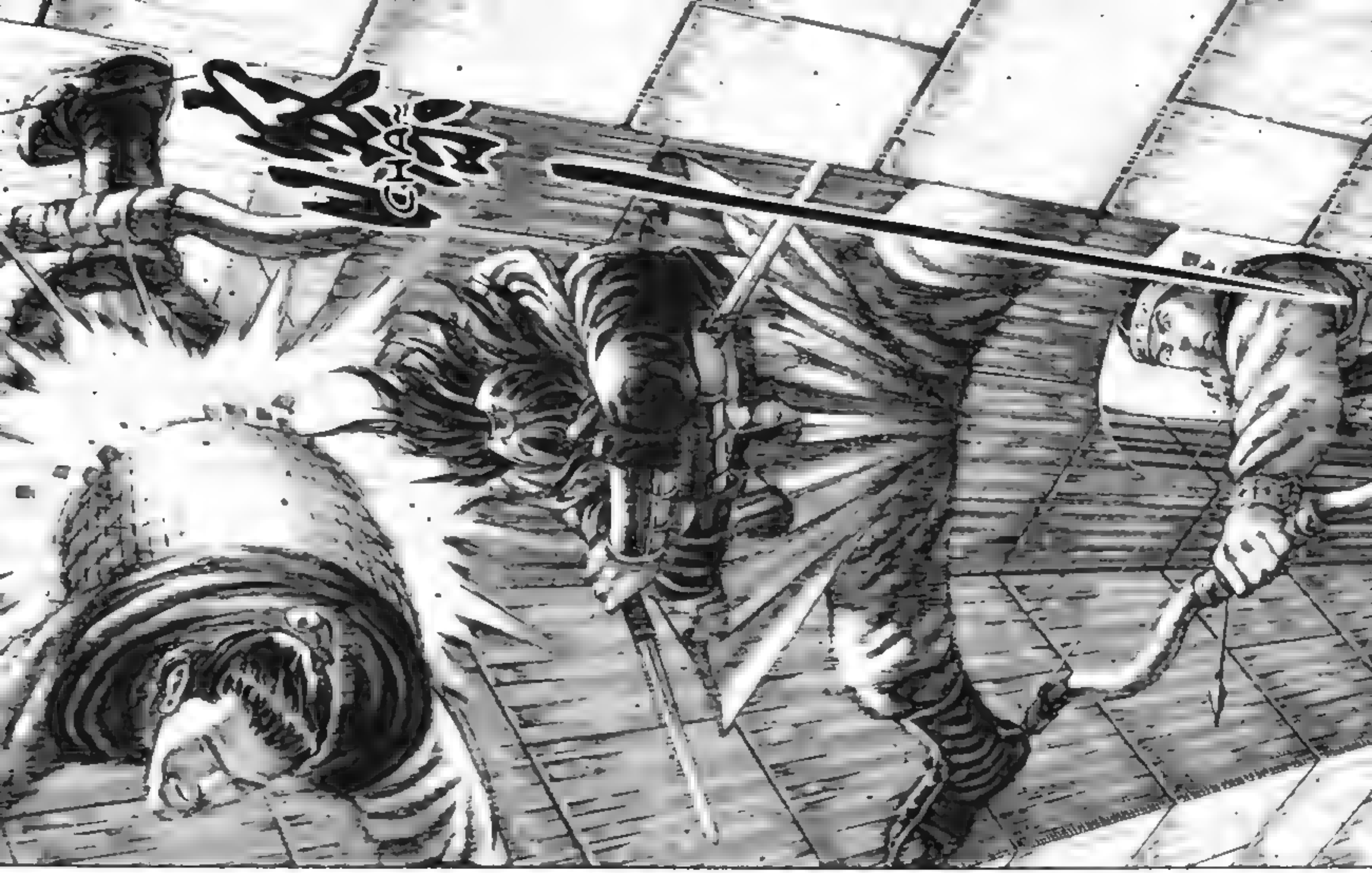
AH, THEY'RE HERE

THEY'RE ON THE ENEMY'S SIDE! SHIT! THEY OPENED THE GATE!

QUIET

AIM FOR THE LEADER! FIRE!

DON'T LET THEM COME ANY CLOSER! ARCHERS GET READY!



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CHA~

CHA~

PENG~

LAO DA.

HAHA, TIME TO SPEAK AGAIN.

MY... MY LORD!

LORD YUAN SHU WILL PARDON ALL WHO SURRENDERS. PASS THIS MESSAGE AROUND!

LISTEN UP, TRAITOR HUANG SHAN HAS BEEN EXECUTED!

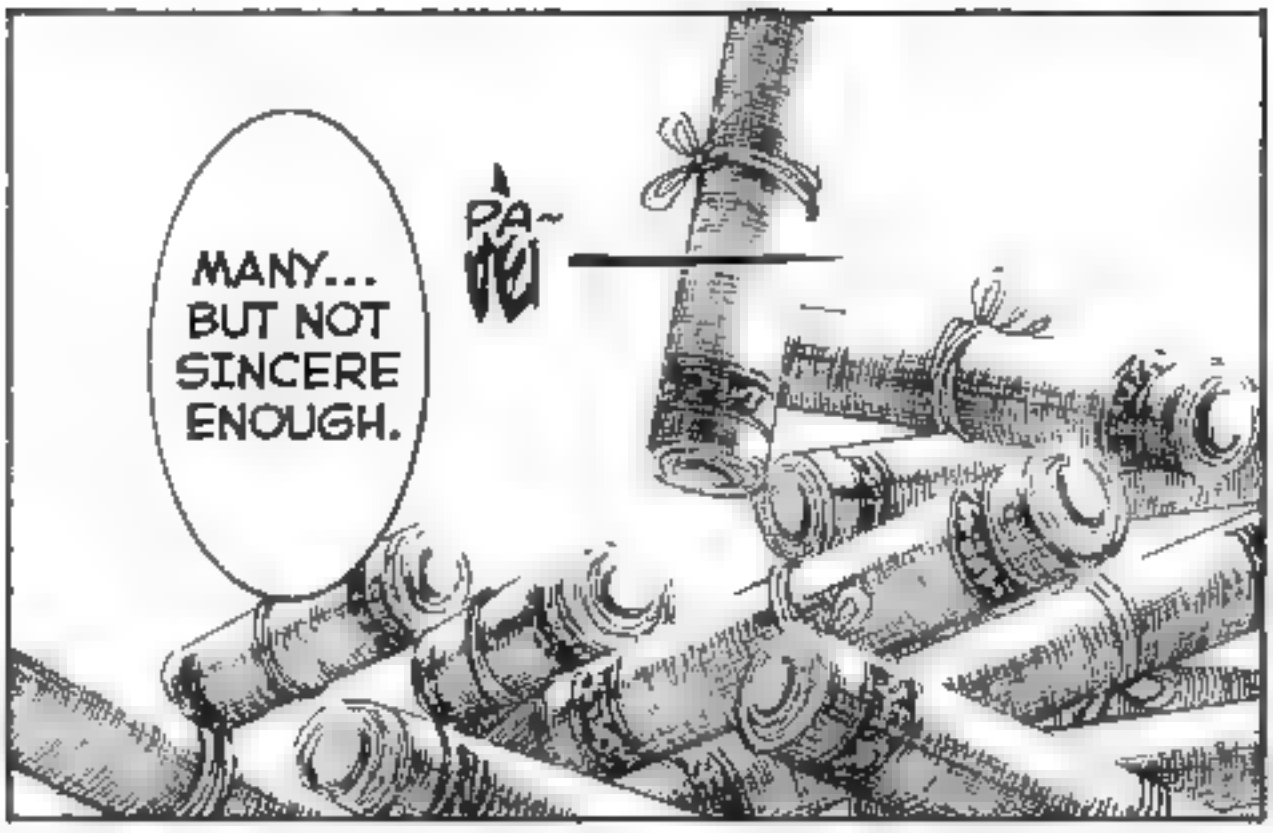
LONG

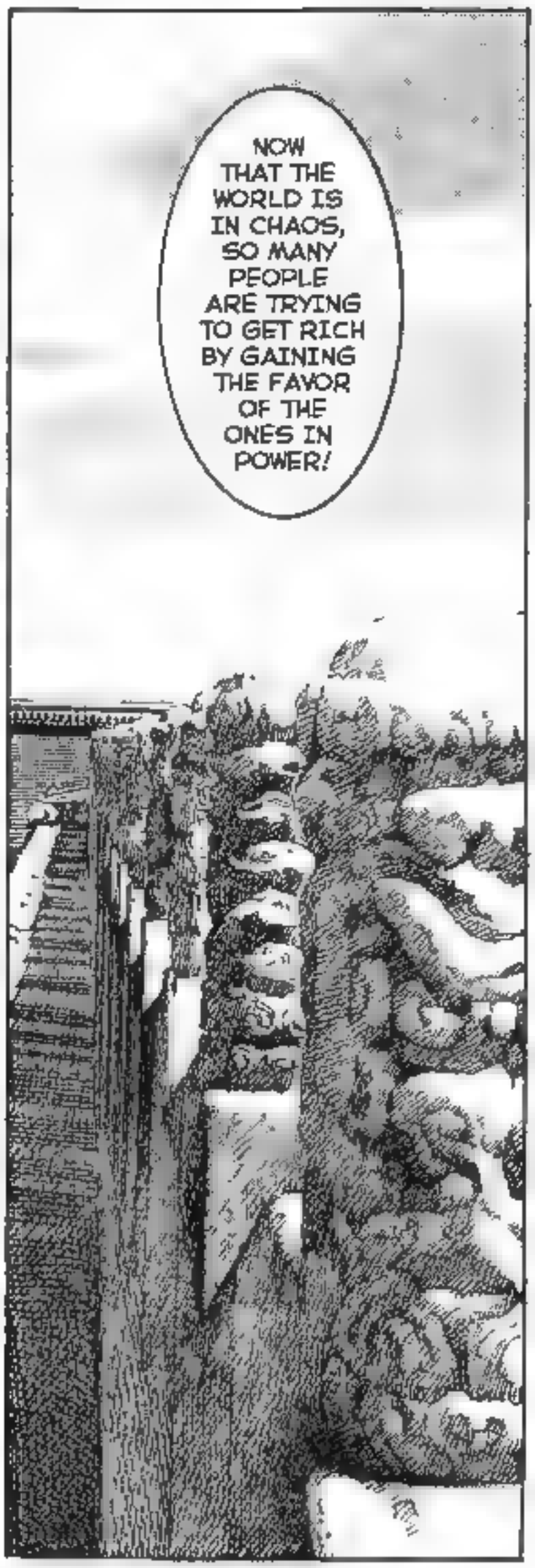
VERY GOOD, VERY GOOD, EVERYONE'S INTENT...

GE- GEN- ERAL

THE HOUSE OF YUAN ACCEPTS.

SHOUCHUN


MANY... BUT NOT SINCERE ENOUGH.
PA~


NOW THAT THE WORLD IS IN CHAOS, SO MANY PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO GET RICH BY GAINING THE FAVOR OF THE ONES IN POWER!

THIS FEELING... IS LIKE THE APPROA-CHING OF A NEW DYNASTY.

OUR CLAN RULES OVER A MILLION SOLDIERS, EXPANDING NORTHWARD TO HEBEI, AND SOUTHWARD TO HENAN.

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# CHAPTER 127 THREE VISITORS

第一百二十七回 三見客

THE PRAISES KEEP COMING.

DI-NG!

GENERAL OF LEFT DIVISION

**YUAN SHU**

TELL THEM TO GO HOME AND FIGURE OUT WHAT SINCERITY MEANS.

IF THEY WANT TO SEEK FAVOR, THEN THEY MUST FIRST BRING ME SOME PLEASANT SURPRISES.

OUTSIDE ...

DIDN'T I SAY NO MORE VISITORS?

MY LORD!

MESSEN-GERS OF FAVOR-SEEKERS.

LIAO LAN

NO, IT'S ABOUT XINDONG-CHEN'S TRAITOR HUANG SHAN.

NO NEED,

MY LORD, MAYBE IT'S TIME TO USE THE TROOPS OF THE JI CLAN.

THIS HUANG REALLY DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOOD FOR HIM, FIGHTING AGAINST THE NUMBER ONE CLAN OF THIS WORLD.

WHAT? THE FRONTLINE NEEDS MORE TROOPS? THIS HUANG IS REALLY SOMETHING, HUH!

HE HAS ALREADY BEEN ASSASS-INATED!

THANKS TO MY POWERFUL REPUTA-TION!

LUO-YANG ...

THEN... DISMIS-SED.

EVEN HIS NEIGHBORING ALLIES ARE COMING TO SURRENDER.

THIS ENEMY THAT HAS TROUBLED US FOR A LONG TIME, NOW GONE IN AN INSTANT.

LORD YUAN LETS THEM ALL GO, AREN'T YOU AFRAID...

I TREAT PEOPLE EARNESTLY, AND IF YOU WANT TO ASSASSINATE ME, WHY WAIT?

LIAO LAN TOLD ME THAT YOU HANDICAPPED WARRIORS SAVED MY BROTHER AT LUOYANG.

I ADMIRE LORD YUAN'S GREAT TOLERANCE VERY MUCH.

I KNOW.

THEN YOU MUST'VE HEARD ABOUT THE TROUBLE WE CAUSED AT XUZHOU, YES?

HONESTLY, THE TIAN CLAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNFRIENDLY WITH YOUR CLAN, THUS IT'LL BE HARD TO KEEP A FOOTHOLD ON CAO'S SIDE.

IN ADDITION, OUR CLAN HAS PREPARED GIFTS, HOPING TO DISCUSS THE FUTURE WITH LORD YUAN.

FAVOR-SEEKERS AND THEIR SINCERE WORDS.

IN ORDER TO SHOW OUR SINCERITY, MY MASTER TOLD ME TO REMOVE THE TRAITOR HUANG SHAN UNDER YOUR NAME.

CAO CAO IS A PETTY MAN, SO THE SIMA CLAN WILL BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE.

DI-NG!

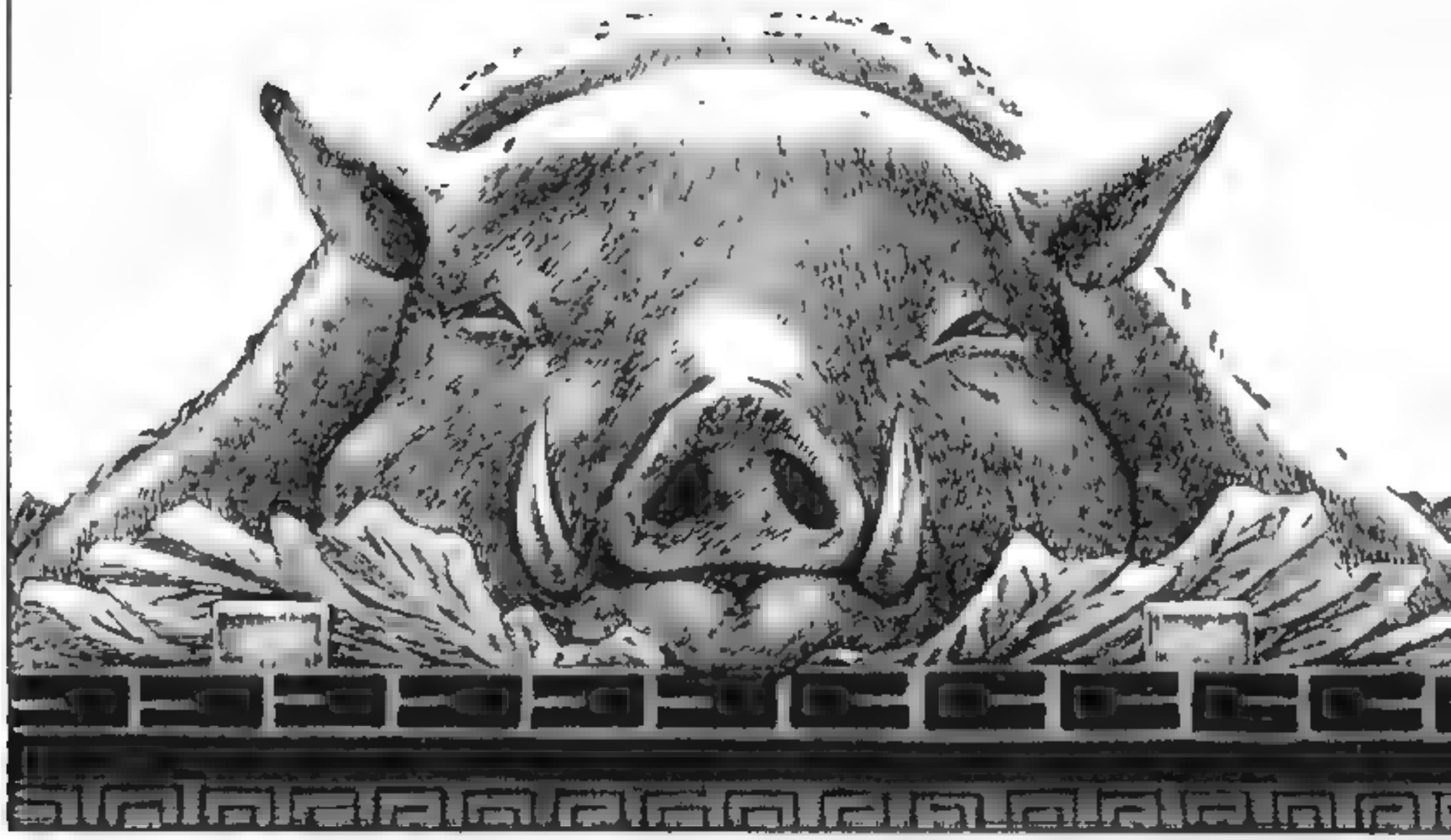
MUSIC TO MY EAR.

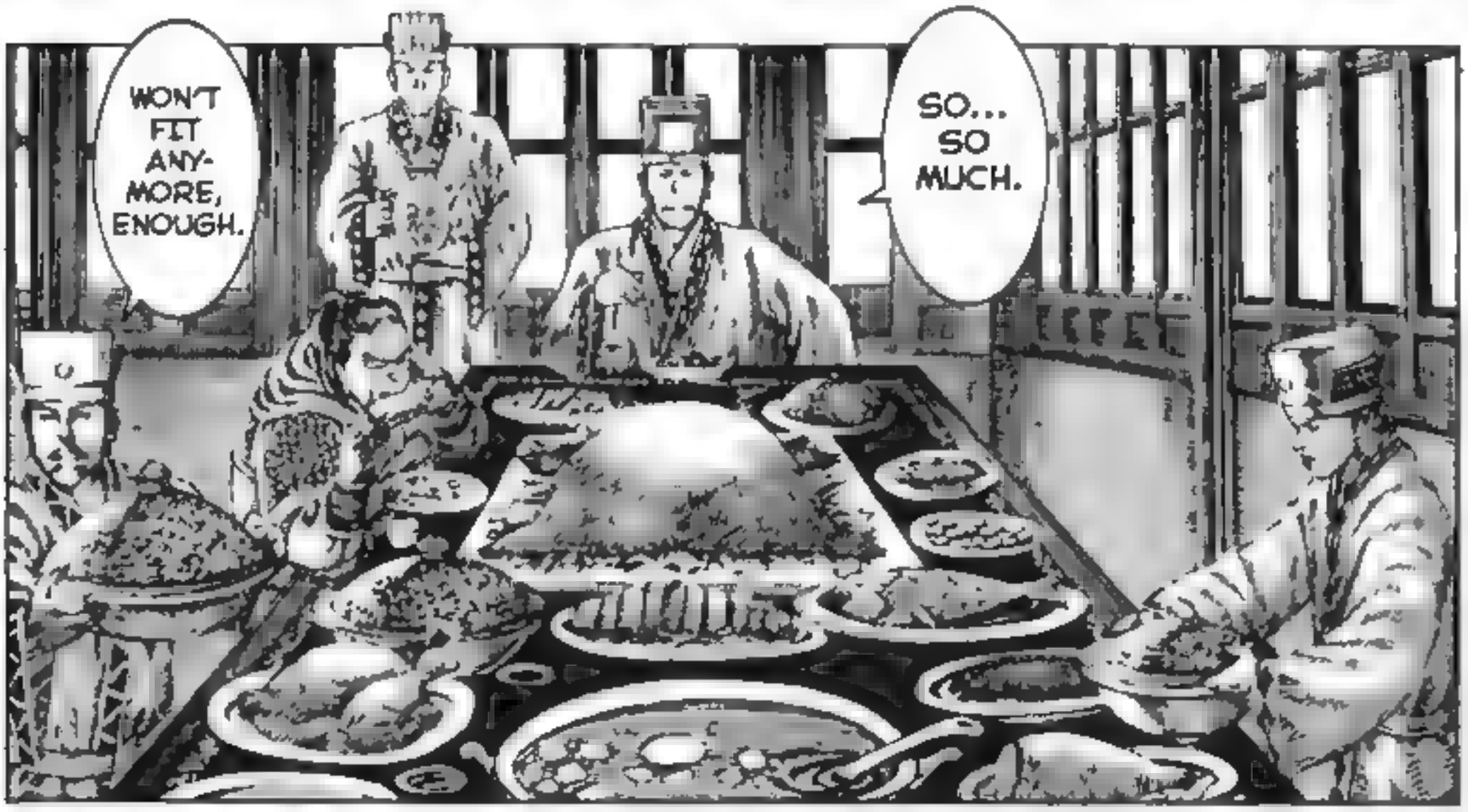
YOU ALL SHOULD GO AND REST.

THANK YOU, MY LORD.

LIAO LAN, STAY FOR DIN-NER.

YES-SIR.




WON'T FIT ANY-MORE, ENOUGH.
SO... SO MUCH.

NEPHEW'S HARVEST IS QUITE GOOD.
EXTERNAL ENEMY IS GONE, AND EVEN THE WILD BEASTS OUTSIDE THE CITY ARE ALL DEAD.

※孫堅，字文台，生前官拜破虜將軍，封烏程侯。

I CAN'T STOP SAYING HOW THANKFUL I AM.

MY LORD WOULD FORGIVE MY FATHER'S OFFENSE, AND EVEN TAKE ME IN...

WHENEVER I THINK OF IT, I FEEL ASHAMED...

HONESTLY, AT THAT TIME I WAS REALLY JEALOUS OF WEN TAI'S LOYALTY...

NOTE: SUN JIAN, WHOSE COURTESY NAME IS WEN TAI. WHEN HE WAS ALIVE, HE HELD THE POSITION OF "THE GENERAL WHO DESTROYS INSURGENTS", AND RECEIVED THE TITLE "LORD OF WUCHE'N"

TODAY I MET A MESSENGER, WHO PRESENTED ME WITH A VERY SINCERE GIFT.

NONONO... PLEASE DON'T BE CRITICAL OF YOURSELF, MY LORD.

YOU ARE YOUNG AND SKILLED, NEPHEW, YOU SHOULD GO AND MAKE SOMETHING OF YOURSELF.

I WANTED TO RESTORE THE EASTERN REGION, BUT I LACKED THE FUNDING ...

NOTE SUN CE WHOSE COURTESY NAME IS BO FU

SUN JIAN'S ELDEST SON

**SUN CE**

BO FU, HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT RECLAIMING THE PAST GLORY?

PA~

NOW THAT SOMEONE IS WILLING TO PROVIDE THE FUNDING, I CAN'T THINK OF A BETTER COMMANDER FOR THE JOB.

DON... DON'T CRY, PLEASE GET UP.

HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE MY WITNESS, THAT I ALWAYS TREAT PEOPLE EARNESTLY.

UNCLE YUAN, HOW CAN BO FU EVER REPAY YOUR KINDNESS! WAH_

BO FU, STOP_ STOP THAT!

NO, THOSE WHO WANT TO LEAVE WILL LEAVE EVENTUALLY.

WON'T SPEAK HIS MIND EVEN WHEN HE'S DRUNK.

THOSE WHO WANT TO COME WILL COME ANYWAY, PLEASE SIT!

THOSE FROM THE SUN CLAN NEVER FORGET TO EXACT REVENGE. I FEAR MY LORD'S EARNESTY WON'T MAKE THEM SOFT.

CARE TO EAT SOME MORE?

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD AT CLEANUP.

THEY SENT THE MESSENGERS BECAUSE THEY KNOW THEY CANNOT ATTACK THE MIGHTY YUAN CLAN HEAD-ON, AND I THINK SOMEONE IS TRY-ING TO PLANT A TROUBLE SEED HERE.

MY LORD, THIS IS CAO CAO'S DIMINUTION TACTIC, AIMED TO LET TWO TIGERS FIGHT EACH OTHER.

HOUSE OF SUN

COOK, PREPARE SOME DRUNKEN-NESS-REDUCING TEA.

THANK YOU FOR ESCORTING HIM BACK, GENERAL LIAO.

YOU CAN GO NOW, I'M NOT DRUNK.

LIAO LAN HAS LEFT.

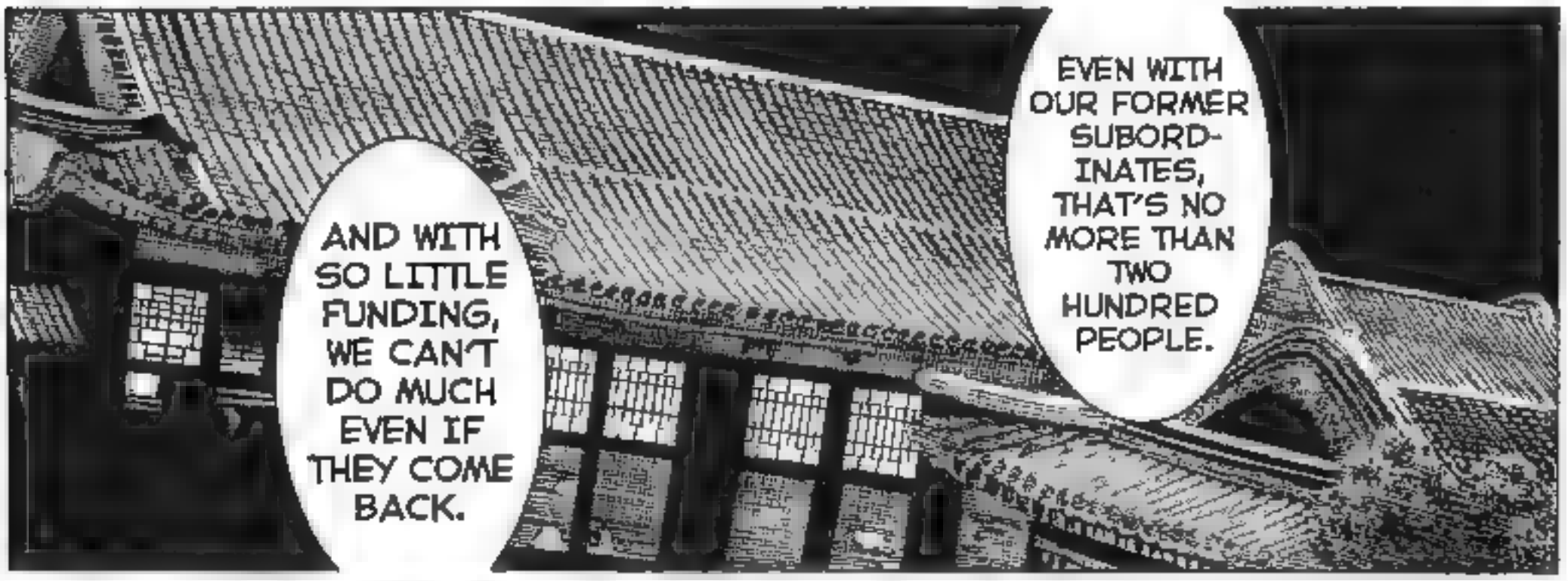
AND, I THINK YUAN SHU HAS FIGURED OUT THAT THIS IS A DIMINUTION TACTIC.

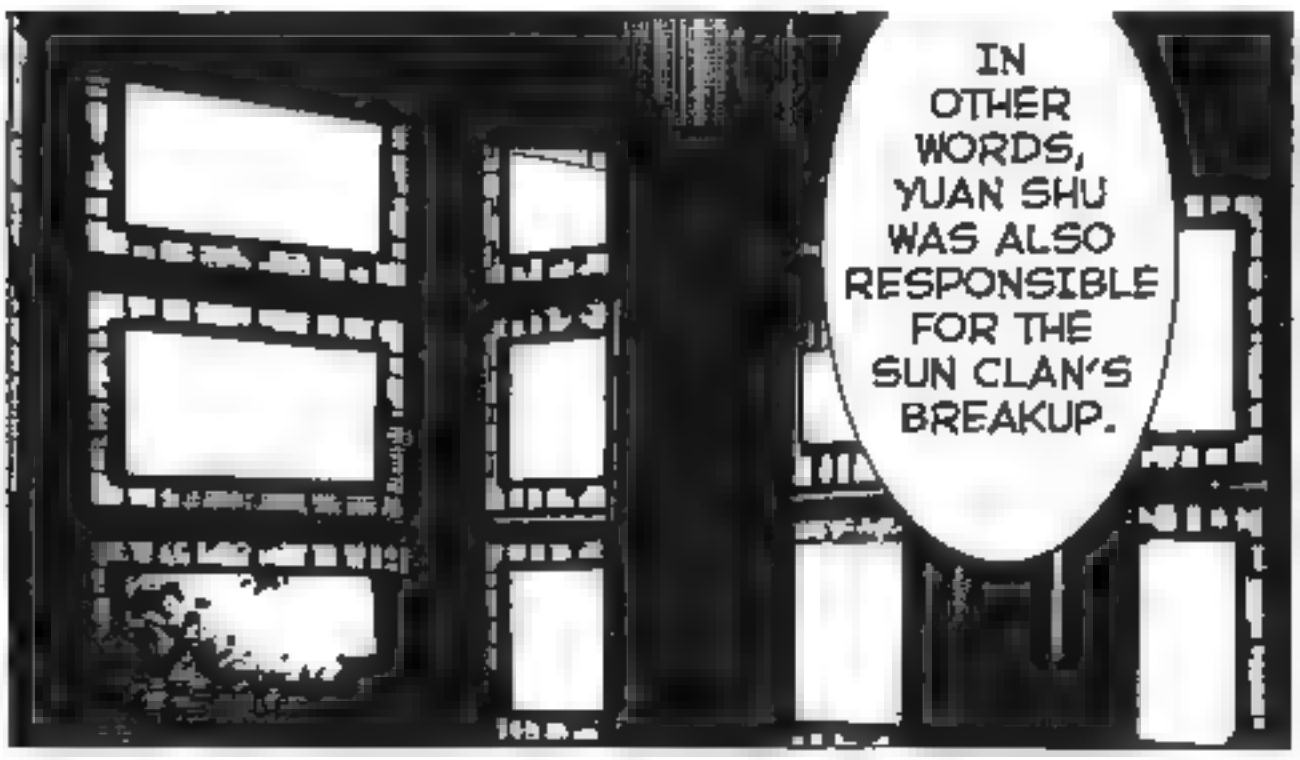
WHY'RE YOU STILL AFRAID?

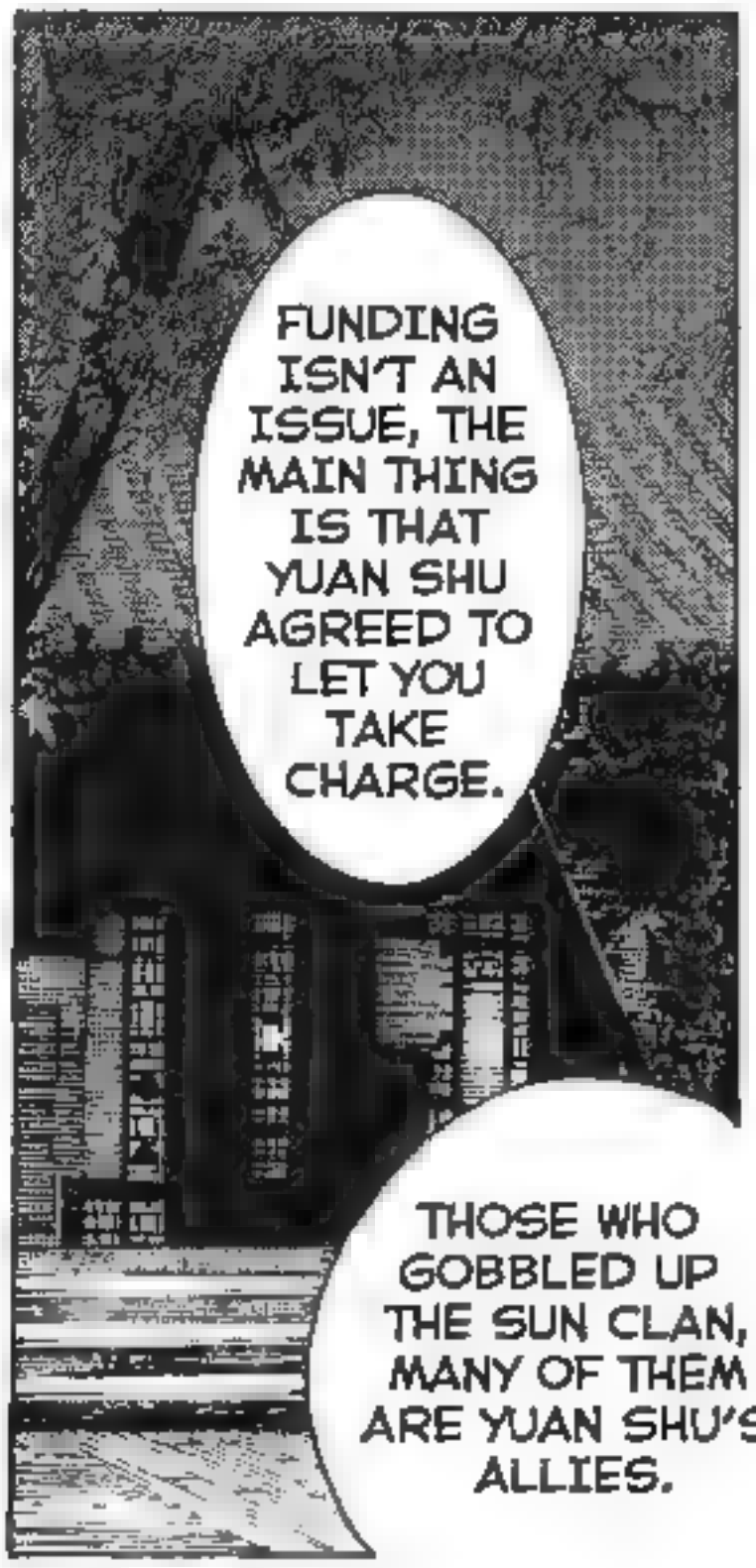
I KNOW, AND THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS ARE ALSO IN THE CITY.

RIGHT, MY ADVISOR HAS ARRIVED.

HOUSE OF SUN


AND WITH SO LITTLE FUNDING, WE CAN'T DO MUCH EVEN IF THEY COME BACK.
EVEN WITH OUR FORMER SUBORD-INATES, THAT'S NO MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE.


IN OTHER WORDS, YUAN SHU WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUN CLAN'S BREAKUP.


FUNDING ISN'T AN ISSUE, THE MAIN THING IS THAT YUAN SHU AGREED TO LET YOU TAKE CHARGE.
THOSE WHO GOBBLED UP THE SUN CLAN, MANY OF THEM ARE YUAN SHU'S ALLIES.

TO RETAKE THE EASTERN REGIONS ...

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# CHAPTER 128 RIGHTEOUSNESS . SYMPATHY

# 第一百二十八回 有義。有情

IS JUST A MEANS TO COMFORT ME.

RIGHT, WITHIN THESE MONTHS, YUAN SHU HAS BEEN USING YOU TO PUT DOWN MANY OF HIS ENEMIES!

BUT YOU HAVE TO KNOW THAT HE IS NOT ABOUT TO SEND TROOPS.

I JUST HOPE TO DO MY BEST.

YOU KNOW YUAN SHU IS A VORACIOUS MAN. WHY WOULD HE KEEP YOU KNOWING THAT HE WOULDN'T GIVE YOU TROOPS?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

BUT I BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO FORCE HIS HAND.

NOW HE FINALLY SAYS THANKS.

I HEARD THAT THE SUN CLAN HAS A TREASURE.

DON'T PLAY DUMB, A DAY BEFORE SOMEONE WAS KILLED OUTSIDE THE CITY BECAUSE OF IT.

SO THE COMPANY OF CAO AND TIAN IS INTERESTED IN THIS TOO?

HAHA, EVEN WHEN WE WERE YOUNG, NOTHING ESCAPES LITTLE-SIS' KEEN INSIGHT.

DON'T TELL ME THAT THE SUN CLAN IS GUARDING IT FROM THE WRONG HANDS.

HAHA, CAO CAO WOULD DO THAT FOR ME? WHY WOULD HE CROSS YUAN SHU?

AND HE'S NOT EVEN A MATCH FOR THE YUAN CLAN.

YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS: YOU CAN GIVE IT TO YUAN SHU, IN EXCHANGE FOR A MILITARY FOOTHOLD IN THE EASTERN REGION.

THEN YOU ONLY HAVE THE FIRST OPTION.

DON'T JUMP TO CONCLU-SIONS.

OR YOU CAN GIVE IT TO LORD CAO, AND LET HIM RETAKE THE EASTERN REGION FOR YOU.

ZHENG

SOMEONE TAKES IN THE DESCENDENT OF A DEAD MAN IN HOPE OF OBTAINING THE TREA-SURE.

SOMEONE SUBMITS UNDER THE RULE OF HIS ENEMY IN HOPE OF RESTORING HIS CLAN;

MILADY'S WORKING ON IT, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

WHO WINS? WHO LOSES?

LAO DA, WE'RE BEING WATCHED.

HEH, WHERE'S THAT SUCCESSOR OF MINE?

HAHA.

TRUE, NO ONE COULD KEEP HIM STILL.

WHERE? IS THERE A NEED TO REPORT TO A FORMER LEADER?

HAHA, LAO ER, YOUR GRIN IS SO UGLY.

MAKE HIM PAY.

AS LONG AS WE DON'T MAKE A MOVE, CAO CAO WILL FORCE THE SIMA CLAN TO SEND MORE FUNDING TO US.

THAT'LL KEEP THE EASTERN REGION AT PEACE, MY LORD; NO NEED TO WORRY, AS HE WON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO DO ANYTHING.

I REALLY LIKE THAT BOY, BUT UNFORTUNATELY ...

FRANKLY, COMPARING SUN CE AND THAT THING,

WALKING ON THE BORDER BETWEEN SELF-INTEREST AND RIGHT-EOUSNESS,

UNFORTUNATELY WHEN A TALENT IS PUT BESIDE A PROFITTABLE VENTURE... HOW WILL MY LORD WEIGH THEIR VALUE?

WE HAVE NO CHOICE, AND THAT'S LIFE.

THEN... WHEN SUN CE IS DESPERATE, HE WILL DEFINITELY GIVE *THAT THING* TO US.

RIGHT, THAT'S LIFE.

KA!

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING UNFATH-OMABLE IN THIS WORLD.

I COULD USE ANOTHER HELPER, CARE TO JOIN US?

PA PA.

THEN HOW WILL YOU RESOLVE THAT?

PENG~

PA~

PLEASE SIT!

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT MILADY.

I THOUGHT THOSE MASS MURDERERS ALL LOOK LIKE HIM...

THAT LAO DA!

THE HONOR IS MINE, LEADER OF THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS.

PLEASED TO MEET YOU, SIR SUN CE.

SHOUCHUN ARMY GATHERING GROUND

NEXT MORNING.

QUITE A FEW FROM THE SUN CLAN.

DOES IT MEAN A MOBIL-IZATION IS COM-ING?

YESSIR, THE NEWS WAS GIVEN OUT THIS MORNING.

MANY WERE PROMO-TED.

GET READY, LEGION ONE TO WANCHENG, LEGION TWO TO LUJIANG

TH_ THAT SOON? WE HAVEN'T FINISHED BREAKFAST YET!

AS LONG AS WE ALL WORK TOGETHER, RESTORING THE EASTERN REGION WILL BE WITHIN REACH.

I HOPE YOU TWO CAN AID BO FU, AND ATTACKING HIS ENEMIES FROM TWO SIDES IS THE BEST WAY.

NOTE: SUN CE, WHOSE COURTESY NAME IS BO FU

I SPOKE TO BO FU YESTERDAY, AND I'VE DECIDED TO SUPPORT HIM AS BEST I COULD.

SUN JIAN'S FORMER SUBORDINATE

**CHENG PU**

THANK YOU, MY LORD.

SUN JIAN'S FORMER SUBORDINATE

**HUANG GAI**

SPEED IS VITAL IN WAR, I SPEAK FOR BO FU TODAY, WISHING YOU ALL SUCCESS.

WHY SEND US TO WANCHENG IF WE'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE THE EASTERN REGION?

PROM-OTION MY FOOT!

HE'LL LOOK HONORABLE BY GIVING US TROOPS, BUT HE JUST WANTS US TO PUT DOWN THE REBELS...

BO FU! WE'RE BEING SPLIT UP; YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN FROM NOW ON.

WILL THERE BE A PROB-LEM?

RIGHT, THIS MOVE CAN KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.

THIS IS ALSO FOR THE GRAND SCHEME OF TAKING THE EASTERN REGION, AND WE SHOULD ASK THE SIMA CLAN TO SEND MORE FUNDING.

OH RIGHT, DO YOU WANT TO LOOK AT THE GIFTS, MY LORD?

THE OPP-ONENT ISN'T EASY TO DEAL WITH.

HAHA, SUN CE WILL HAVE TO WAIT A FEW YEARS!

WHAT'S TO FEAR? THEY ARE ASKING FOR OUR FAVOR.

THESE TWO ARE TALENTS, SO WE SHOULD USE THEM WISELY IN THE FUTURE.

TWO THOUS-AND, CHECK.

TWO THOUSAND COAT OF ARMOR, PLEASE CHECK.

BE CARE-FUL.

LOOK, LOOK.

THAT'S A LOT, THESE FAVOR-SEEKERS ARE REALLY GENEROUS!

JUST CAME YESTER-DAY.

GORG-EOUS.

SO IT SEEMS OUR LORD GAINED A NEW INVESTOR.

TELL YOUR YOUNG MASTER ... THAT I SAID THANKS!

YES... MA'AM.

DID YOU FIND OUT WHO SHE IS?

ONLY THAT HER LAST NAME IS SHAN.

DO YOU REMEMBER, THAT THE TIANS ONCE TRIED TO BEFRIEND THE SIMA CLAN...

SHAN? COULD SHE BE... THE NIECE OF THAT TIAN...

1 "JIN" = 0.5 KILOGRAM = 1.1 POUND

THE MEDICINE IS LITERALLY "GOLD INJURY MEDICINE" A VERY COMMON TERM IN WUXIA NOVELS. BUT I DON'T KNOW THE CONVENTIONAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

TWO HUNDRED JIN OF HEALING MEDICINE, AND ALSO ...

THIS IS FINE, SEND THEM ALL IN!

YOU MEAN SHE IS...

SHAN WU LING, MY FIANCEE.

SHOUCHUN

NO DIFFERENT THAN WHAT HIS SISTER SAID - AS LONG AS WE AGREE.

WHAT DID THAT SUN CE SAY?

WHAT'RE YOU LAUGHING AT?

YOUNG MASTER WILL DO ANYTHING FOR MONEY.

I'M NO GOOD,

THEN YUAN SHU'S INTENTION IS...

I THINK HE JUST WANTS TO USE SUN CE AND HIS MEN TO BUILD HIS EMPIRE.

# CHAPTER 129 EASE AT SHOUCHUN

第一百二十九回 壽春逸事

EXCEPT WHEN IT COMES TO WAITING.

YOU SURE CAN'T WAIT WHEN IT COMES TO MONEY.

THE LONGER YUAN SHU AVOIDS SENDING TROOPS, THE MORE WE'D HAVE TO PAY, THIS...

I JUST THINK IT'S NOT AS SIMPLE AS IT LOOKS.

OUR ANCESTORS WORKED VERY HARD FOR THIS WEALTH, WE DESCENDENTS SHOULDN'T FORGET THAT.

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

I HEARD THAT YOU HAD A MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENT WITH HER...

SHE LOOKS NICE, SO SHOULD BE A GOOD INVESTMENT.

YOU MUST'VE SEEN THAT TIAN GUY'S NIECE, RIGHT?

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT "CONTI-NUING", YOUNG MASTER?

WHA... WHAT-EVER.

HELP ME!

SOMETHING'S HAPPENING.

HALT!

HELP ...

DON'T EXPECT THE YUAN CLAN TO INTERVENE.

THIS REGION IS CONTROLLED BY LORD YUAN SHU. YOU FROM THE SUN CLAN...

THAT HONG ZUO NEEDS TO SEE HIM, HURRY!

GO TELL YOUR LORD,

HONG ZUO, STOP RUNN-ING!

HE'S HERE, HURRY!

PAK TAI

HONG ZUO!
GET YOUR ASS BACK HERE!

ISN'T SUN CE HEADING FOR LUJIANG TODAY?

WH... WHY HAS HE RETURNED WITH THE TROOP?

SUN CE?

YUP.

I HEARD THAT GENERAL SUN HAS A MISSION TODAY, SO WHY THE SUDDEN RETURN?

GRE... GREAT.

IS IT... HONG ZUO? GET IN! HURRY!

WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING?

THE HELL!...

MISTER SUN, THIS IS LORD YUAN'S CAMP, PLEASE CONTROL YOURSELF!

SUN! MILITARY LAW MUST BE OBEYED, SO SPEAK TO OUR LORD IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM.

THIS IS A SUN CLAN MATTER, WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH A GUARD LIKE YOU? STEP ASIDE!

CLAN RULES MUST BE OBEYED TOO, AND IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS IF I WANT TO KILL HIM!

WHEW.

A LORD IS LIKE A TIGER.

HONG ZUO,

YOUR ASSIGNMENT ... IS IT DONE?

YESSIR ... I FOUND OUT, THAT THE THING IS AT ...

PA

CHA~

XIU~

PENG~

TRULY
AS MIGHTY
AS THE
FATHER

YUAN SHU'S
GREAT GENERAL

**JI LING**

A TOAST, TO YOU!

OOPS, MY APOLO-GIES.

THIS DISOBEDIENT HALBERD SLIPPED OUT OF MY HAND.

YESSIR ... I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, YOU CAN'T EVEN FINISH THIS GUY?

NO.. NONONO, MY TONE WAS KIND OF HARSH TOO.

YOU'RE RIGHT. THERE IS SOME-THING ELSE GOING ON.

YEAH, YOU BETTER BE CAREFUL.

I'LL GO NOW, BEFORE THEY GET SUSPI-CIOUS.

KEEP IN TOUCH.

THE SECOND SUPPLY CARAVAN FROM HENEI HAS ARRIVED.

THEN LET'S GO CHECK THE LIST.

YOUNGER CLAN
BROTHER OF SUN CE

**SUN FU**

HEY, YOU'RE BEING FOLLOWED.

ISN'T BROTHER SUN FU HEADED FOR LUJIANG AS WELL?

YOU KNOW WHAT YUAN SHU IS UP TO, RIGHT, BROTHER ZHAO HUO?

YUAN SHU CAN KEEP ANYONE HE WANTS.

RIGHT, IT MAKES SENSE WITH ALL THOSE "SPYS" IN YOUR CLAN.

EVERYONE IN THE SUN CLAN IS BEING SPLIT UP, BUT THEY'RE KEEPING ME AS A HOSTAGE.

BUT YOU SEEM TO BE FREE TO MOVE ABOUT.

HE'LL GIVE EACH OF HIS FOLLOWERS A "JOB" TO DO, SO THAT THEIR MINDS DON'T WANDER.

HAHA, YUAN SHU IS ALWAYS FOCUSED ON HIS OWN INTEREST ...

ARE YOU BORED, BROTHER ZHAO?

BOREDOM MUST BE DRIVING YOU CRAZY TOO, RIGHT?

A JOB THAT WON'T AFFECT HIM.

WHAT?

IF BROTHER ZHAO HAS NOTHING TO DO... LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING.

NOT AGA-IN.

THAT YEAR AT HULAO PASS, I HELD A BLADE,

GET DOWN HERE!

AND CUT LU BU DOWN FROM HIS HORSE.

UH HUH.

STOP FIGHTING!

YOU... YOU KILLED MY SON!

STOP, STOP FIGHT-ING!

I ALSO KILLED XIANG YU, FOR OUR GREAT HAN ...

STOP LYING. I KILLED LU BU!

NO, I KILLED LU BU!

XIANG YU WAS LIU BANG'S COMPETITOR FOR THE THRONE AFTER THE QIN DYNASTY

AND KILLING THEM WOULD LOOK BAD.

MOST ARE PHYSICAL, SO THOSE MEN ARE JUST SENT HOME. THE OTHER TYPE... SENDING THOSE HOME WOULD DISCOURAGE ENLISTMENT,

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF INJURIES ON THE BATTLE-FIELD.

THEY MUST BE MADMEN.

MADMEN ARE THE RESULTS OF SO MANY LOSING BATTLES. NO WONDER SUN CLAN'S TROOP IS FAVORED.

YUAN SHU IS STRONG ON PSYCHOLOGY, AND HE HANDLED THIS QUITE WELL.

COULD IT BE DONG ZHUO?

SUN, WHAT KIND OF OPPONENT HAVE YOU BROUGHT TO ME TODAY?

HAHA, THAT'S RIGHT.

BORED BEYOND SANITY, MIGHT AS WELL LOSE IT FOR REAL.

SEE HOW FUN IT IS? THEY'LL BEHAVE ONCE THEY SWEAT A BIT.

COME COME COME ...

ME... DONG ZHUO?

STABLE

OUR HORSES ARE GONE TOO?

YOU MEAN WITH SIMA CLAN'S TRANSPORT HORSES?

RIGHT, JUST SAY WE'RE RETURNING TO HENEI, THEN SNEAK SOME BACK ONCE THE NEXT CARAVAN COMES.

THEY TOOK THEM ALL. PROBABLY GETTING READY FOR BATTLE!

GET UP.

WHAT FOR? WE ARE FROM THE SIMA CLAN.

THEN I'LL GO BORROW SOME FROM THEM.

NO MATTER, WE CAN STILL LEAVE THE CITY.

SIMA YI TOLD ME TO GET THE HORSES.

AH?

WHAT? ONLY HALF A YEAR HAS GONE BY AND THEY WANT TO HOLD ANOTHER CLAN MEETING?

YES, BECAUSE THE FACT THAT THE EMPEROR IS IN LI JUE'S HANDS IS NOT TO OUR ADVANTAGE.

I BELIEVE THIS CLAN MEETING IS JUST MEANT TO PREVENT A SPLIT UP.

EVEN AS A KID HE THINKS HE'S ALWAYS RIGHT, BUT OUR CLAN IS A MESS IN HIS HANDS DESPITE ITS SIZE.

AY, SO US FORMER LOYALISTS LOOK LIKE WARLORDS NOW.

RIGHT, THE YUAN CLAN USED TO BE POWERFUL WITH IMPERIAL HAN'S BACKING, BUT NOW THAT'S A THING OF THE PAST.

HOW CAN I NOT BE CONCERNED, WHEN MY CLAN IS IN CRISIS, AND MY BROTHER IS NO HELP?

IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THAT STUBBORN BROTHER OF MINE; HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO CHANGE WITH THE TIDE...

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# CHAPTER 130 BATTLES OF MANIPULATION

第一百三十回 勾心鬥角

RIGHT, DOESN'T FEEL KINGLY AT ALL.

TOO SMALL.

THE YUAN CLAN WILL BECOME MORE POWERFUL ONCE THIS THING IS RESOLVED.

YES, MY LORD WILL THEN BECOME THE MASTER OF THE YUAN CLAN, AND YOUR BROTHER CAN'T SAY ANYTHING.

BUT... I'VE RE-CREATED IT BASED ON THE ORIGINAL MEASUREMENTS...

BY THE WAY, STILL NO NEWS ABOUT "THAT THING"?

DON'T WORRY, WE'VE GOT TIME AND MONEY.

SUN CE IS VERY CAUTIOUS ABOUT IT; NONE OF OUR SPIES SUCCEEDED.

MY LORD, I THINK WE SHOULD JUST BEAT THE INFORMATION OUT OF HIM!

NO, THE MEN OF THE SUN CLAN TEND TO BE BRICK-WALLS. I DOUBT HE'LL GIVE IT UP EVEN IF WE KILL HIS ENTIRE FAMILY. BESIDES, IF MY BROTHER HEARS OF THIS...

"RETRIEVING THE IMPERIAL TREASURE"... DEFINITELY SOUNDS BETTER THAN "ROBBING IT FROM SOMEONE."

AS THEY SAY, ONE SHOULDN'T PICK ON A LATE-COMER.

ONCE WE HAVE SOLID PROOF, THEN WE'LL HAVE THE EXCUSE TO DEAL WITH HIM.

TRUE, WE SHOULDN'T RUSH IN AND TARNISH THE REPU-TATION.

IT HAS BEEN FIVE DAYS SINCE SUN CE'S OFFENSIVE ON LUJIANG, RIGHT?

SO I'LL JUST TREAT HIM LIKE HOW I TREATED HIS FATHER - PRETEND TO HELP HIM, BUT MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO WIN.

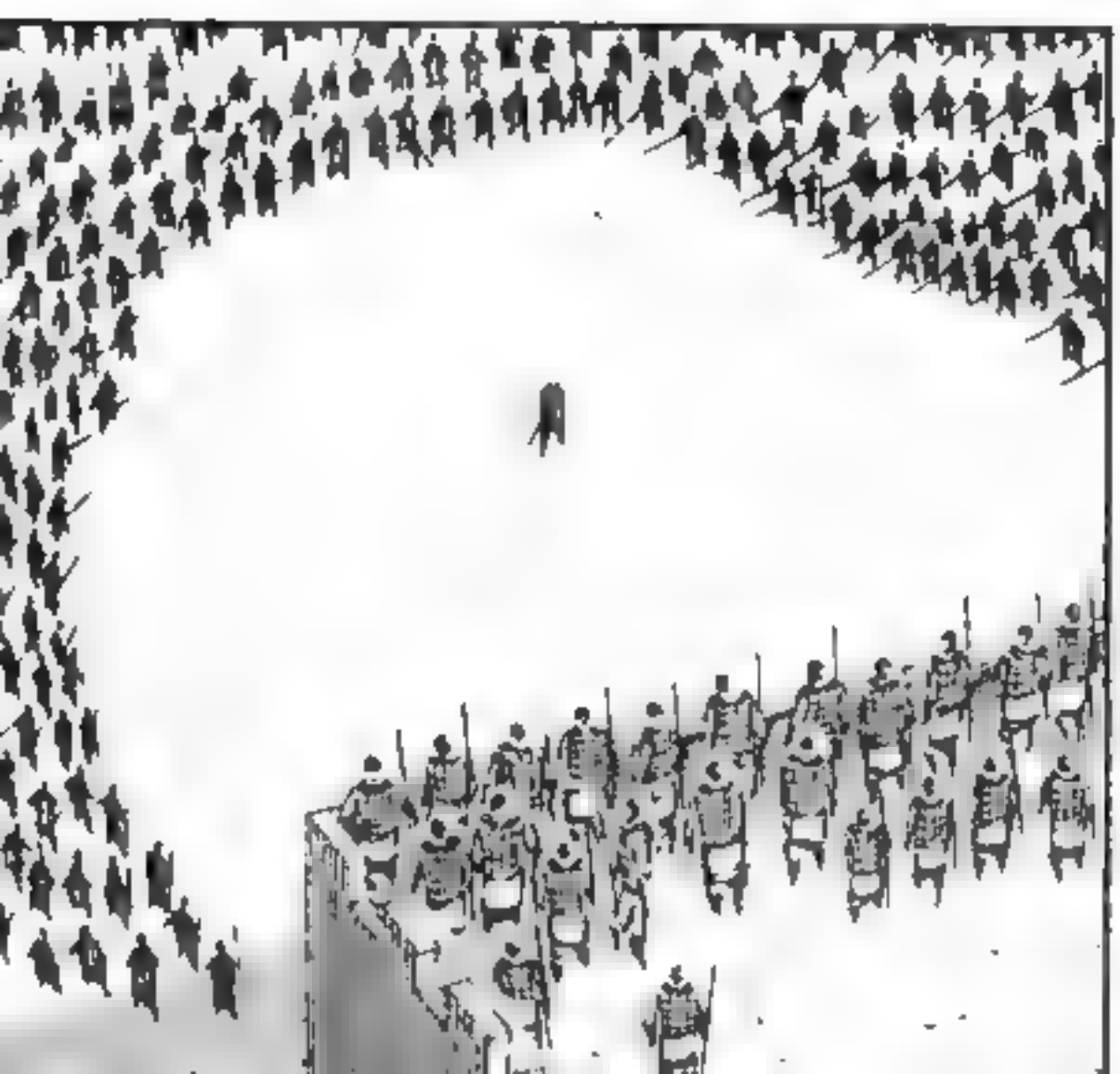
HIS OPPONENT IS A VETERAN NAMED LU KANG. SUN CE WILL HAVE TROUBLE WINNING WITH THE LITTLE ARMY THAT HE HAS.

BEING AS PROUD AS HE IS, HE'LL BE QUITE FRUSTRATED IF HE CAN'T TAKE LUJIANG QUICKLY.

NOTE: DURING THE YEARS WHEN THE GUANDONG ALLIANCE CAMPAIGNED AGAINST DONG ZHUO, SUN JIAN INITIALLY OBTAINED A FEW WINS AS THE VANGUARD; BUT THEN YUAN SHU REDUCED HIS MILITARY RATIONS BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT SUN JIAN TO GET TOO RICH FOR THE SUCCESS AND THAT HAD FORCED SUN JIAN TO WITHDRAW

LIFE IS STRANGE LIKE THAT; ENEMY OR NOT, IF THERE IS A BENEFIT INVOLVED...

HE STILL NEEDS ME IF HE WANTS TO RETAKE THE EASTERN REGION, AND HE'D STILL HAVE TO GIVE THAT THING TO ME IN THE END.



WHAT'S THAT CROWD ABOUT?

DIDN'T THINK HE WOULD LOSE THIS BADLY.

HAHAHA, MY LORD'S PREDICTION WAS RIGHT ON THE MARK.

LU KANG

AHH! IT'S... IT'S LU KANG...!

NO WAY!

HIS HEAD IS WHERE?

YOU DEFEATED LU KANG IN ONLY FIVE DAYS, BO FU, YOU...

THANKS TO UNCLE YUAN'S POWERFUL REPUTATION, I WAS ABLE TO TAKE LU KANG'S HEAD USING EXTREMELY LITTLE "COST".

THE SUN CLAN IS GOOD AT MARINE WARFARE, SO I JUST SECRETLY ATTACKED THEM ALONG A WATER ROUTE I FOUND.

WATER... WATER-BORNE LU BU.

BO FU, YOU DIDN'T NEED TO BRING THE HEAD HERE PERSONALLY.

NOW THAT LUJIANG'S DEFENSES HAVE BEEN BROKEN, I WOULD LIKE TO USE SHUXIAN AS MY MILITARY BASE. BUT IF MY GOAL IS TO RETAKE THE EASTERN REGION... I DON'T THINK I HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING.

IN ORDER TO AVOID A MISUNDERSTANDING LIKE THE ONE BETWEEN MY FATHER AND UNCLE YUAN, I'VE DECIDED TO MAKE THE REQUEST PERSONALLY.

NOTE: SHUXIAN IS WHERE LUJIANG'S GOVERNMENT OFFICE IS LOCATED

YES... YES...

I'VE MADE A PROMISE, OF COURSE...

LIKE HELL HE DID. LU KANG'S HEAD IS ALREADY HERE.

AND WE THOUGHT YOU WERE OUR FASTEST SCOUT.

REPORT! SUN CE AT THE FRONTLINES HAS BROKEN LUJIANG'S DEFENSES!

UNCLE YUAN, SPEED IS VITAL IN WAR ...

DON'T WORRY, BO FU, WE WILL CERTAINLY GIVE YOU THE FUNDING ...

AS SOON AS I'M DONE WITH THE PREPARATIONS, YOU CAN PERSONALLY ESCORT IT TO THE FRONTLINES.

THEN ...

RIGHT RIGHT RIGHT. BESIDES, WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM WANCHENG'S CHENG PU;

YES- SIR.

GENERAL SUN, YOU COULD MAKE A MESS IF YOU RUSH.

YOU SHOULD FOLLOW OUR LORD'S PRECISE PLAN!

WOULDN'T IT BE MUCH FASTER TO RETAKE THE EASTERN REGION IF MOBILIZATION PROCEEDS ON BOTH FRONTS?

IF WE KEEP LETTING THIS MONSTER RUN FREE, I FEAR... THAT ONE DAY...

MON-STER.

YOU MEAN ...

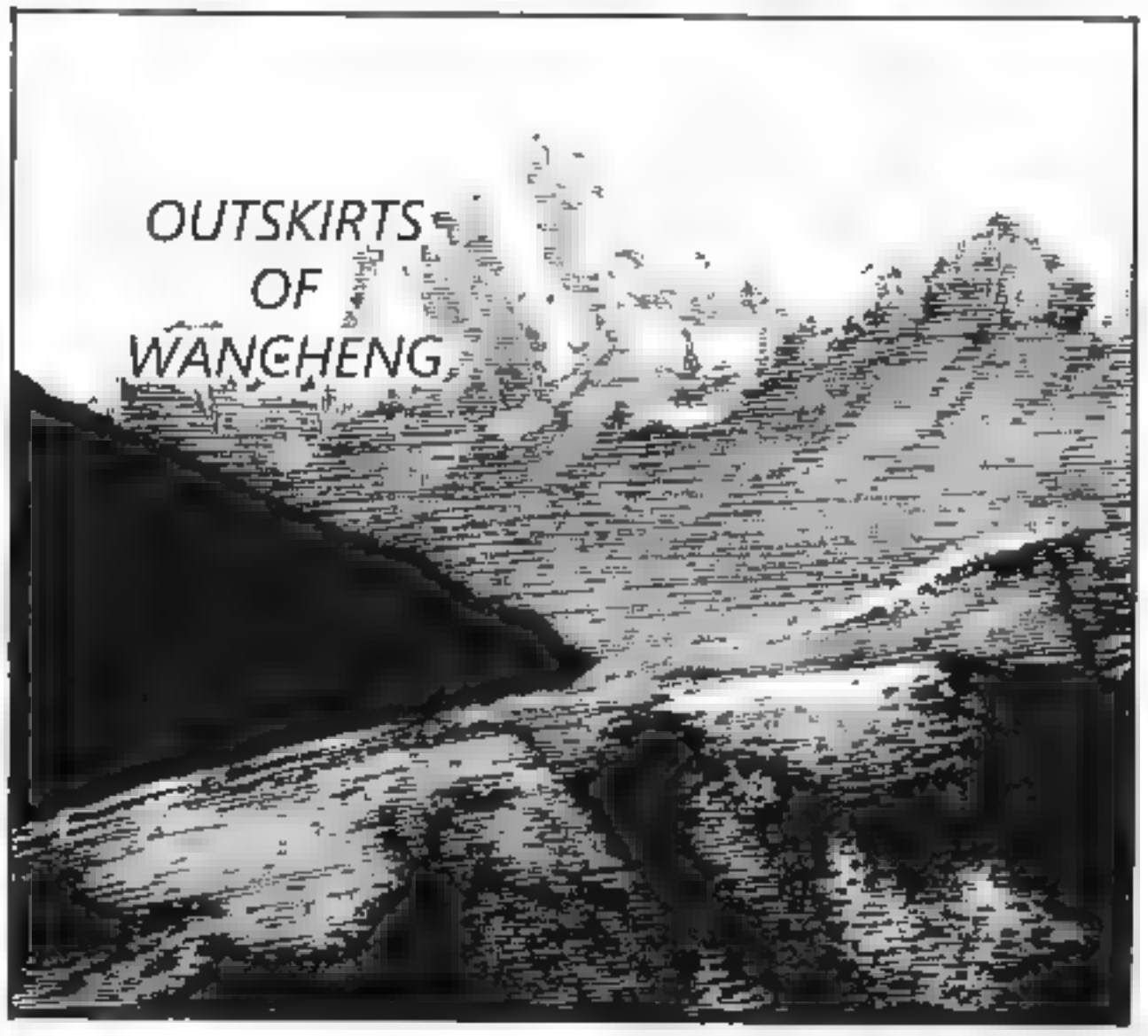
MY LORD, LET LIU XUN HANDLE THIS.

THEN WE JUST BLAME THE SIMA CLAN FOR THE SLOW DELIVERY, AND KEEP DELAYING!

DON'T WORRY, WANCHENG IS EVEN HARDER TO TAKE DOWN; TO RETAKE THE EASTERN REGION...

MAKE LIU XUN THE GOVERNER OF LUJIANG, GIVING HIM THE MILITARY COMMAND.

IS NOT EASY AT ALL!



WHAT'S THE STATUS AT CHENG PU'S FRONTLINE?

THE REBEL FORCES ARE HOLDING UP PRETTY WELL. IT'S HARD TO GET AN UPPER HAND.

THOUGH CHENG PU IS REALLY AMAZING ... USING ONLY THAT MANY SOLDIERS.

LET CHENG PU KNOW THAT SUN CE, WITH MY ADVICE, HAS TAKEN LUJIANG.

INTO THAT VALLEY AHEAD, FIVE-LI REGION CAN DEPLOY AMBUSH, THREE-LI REGION CAN SETUP CAMP.

NOTED.

SO IF THEY WOULD JUST RETREAT TO THIS REGION, THEY COULD WIN!

HURRY! GIVE THIS TO GENERAL CHENG PU.

YES-SIR.

MILADY, THE MAP IS COMPLETE.

THEN, NEXT STEP ...

THE MARKINGS ARE PLACED.

OH YEAH, YOU ALL HAVEN'T EATEN, RIGHT?

SEEING HOW SPIRITED MILADY IS, I FORGOT ABOUT HUNGER.

YEAH, BEGINNING FROM LUJIANG, WE'VE JUST BEEN TOO BUSY TO EAT.

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OK, LET'S COOK FIRST.

SMELLS GOOD.

THEN,

PHHTT, I COOK BETTER THAN THIS HORSE DRIVER.

IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SICK YESTERDAY, WE WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS SKILLED COOK.

ZHANG, STOP HOGGING! DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU COOK BETTER THAN HIM?

GOOD, GO.

ENJOY. I WILL GO FEED THE HORSES.

A COOK WITHOUT THE SMELL.

A HORSE DRIVER WITH NO CALLUS.

OH ...

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE A SERVANT AT ALL.

YOU'RE RIGHT, MILADY. I'M ACTUALLY A NEW BOOKKEEPER.

YOU SEEM TOO YOUNG TO BE A BOOKKEEPER, UNLESS YOU CAN DO SOMETHING NO ONE ELSE CAN.

IT'S OK, I JUST WANT TO CHAT A BIT WITH YOU.

GO AHEAD...

HOW ABOUT WE START WITH THIS PORTRAIT.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW SIMA CLAN'S SECRETS, PLEASE PARDON MY IGNORANCE.

MISTER SIMA YI...

WHAT ELSE DO YOU SEE?

I SEE RIVERS AT A DISTANCE, WITH MOUNTAIN RANGES BEING NEARER, AND THE TWO ARE CLOSELY INTERCON-NECTED.

WELL SAID!

FIVE OF THEM, AND THEY LOOK LIKE THEY WANT TO MAKE SOME-THING OF THEM-SELVES, JUST WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT.

SO WHAT DOES MASTER THINK OF THIS PAINTING?

ARTISTS TRAVEL THE WORLD TO PAINT THE SCENARIES, BUT THEY'RE REALLY SCOUTING.

I WON'T SAY... YOU KNOW IT.

THERE ARE PEOPLE ON THE MOUNT-AINS.

HOW MANY?

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# CHAPTER 131 A MATURING WISDOM

# 第一百三十一回 雅智珠璣

BUT MASTER UNDERSTANDS THE MEANING WITHOUT BEING ABLE TO SEE, THAT'S EVEN...

YOU DESCRIBE BASED ON YOUR INTERPRETATIONS, AND I CAN PRECEIVE THE MEANING WITHIN.

THAT'S WHY PEACH GARDEN MISTER ZHANG'S WORKS ARE ALWAYS SO INTERESTING.

A NOVEL INTERPRETATION; YOU'RE VERY SMART.

I FOUND SOME OLD PORTRAITS BY MISTER ZHANG AS I WAS ORGANIZING THE PAINTINGS. SHOULD WE REVIEW THEM?

YOU'RE ALREADY SMARTER THAN THEM, WHY FRET OVER THIS ISSUE?

NO NEED, SINCE SECOND AND FOURTH AREN'T HERE...

MASTER STILL THINKS THAT I CAN'T APPRAISE A PERSON AS GOOD AS THEY CAN?

FAMILIARITY IS THE RESULT OF REMAINING IN A PLACE ONE IS USED TO, BUT EXPANSION MEANS TAKING A STEP OUTWARD.

FOR HEGEMONS, THIS IS A BLOODY STEP.

CARE-FUL.

DON'T WORRY, I KNOW THIS PLACE BETTER THAN YOU.

THIS MAN THAT IS FAVORED BY MISTER ZHANG AND YOU MAY BE EXCEPTIONAL, BUT HE'S STILL AFRAID TO TAKE THIS STEP.

HISTORY TELLS US THAT BOTH KILLING AND SAVING LIVES REQUIRE BLOODSHED. RIGHT OR WRONG, GOOD OR EVIL, THEY'RE JUST SUBJECTIVE OPINIONS BY LATER GENERATIONS.

DID THE MEANING COME FROM THE PAINTING... OR THE INTERPRETOR?

I SHALL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW.

WHY WOULD EVEN THE FAMOUS MISTER ZHANG SUPPORT HIM?

WHY IS SEVENTH FASCINATED BY THIS MAN?

OR IS IT... THE HIDDEN CROUCHING DRAGON UNDERSTANDS THE SAYING "SOAR-TO-THE SKY ON THE FIRST TRY"?

CONTRADICTION? OR THE TRUTH?

IS THE "WATER MIRROR" ONLY ABLE TO REFLECT ONE MAN'S GLORY...

IN MY ROOM THAT DAY,

YOUNG MISTER SIMA, PICTURE NUMBER ONE

I WAS SHOCKED BY MY OWN SIMPLE-MINDED-NESS!

YOUNG MISTER SIMA, PICTURE NUMBER TWO;

PEACH GARDEN

GO AHEAD, MISTER SIMA YI ...

HOW'S HE LIKE?

WH... WHAT?

I ONLY HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS CHILDHOOD, BUT NOTHING ABOUT HIS CURRENT SITUATION.

YOU ARE THE BOOKKEEPER, SO YOU WOULD BE DEALING WITH HIM A LOT. PLEASE TELL ME.

司馬貳子

*SUNZI'S ART OF WAR: KNOW YOURSELF AND YOUR ENEMY, THEN YOU WILL NEVER LOSE.*

WHY IS MS. SHAN THIS INTERESTED IN MY YOUNG MASTER?

WHY DON'T YOU VISIT THE SIMA CLAN PERSONALLY TO EASE YOUR MIND, MS. SHAN?

IT SEEMS MILADY IS RATHER FOND OF MY YOUNG MASTER, BUT THERE ARE HOUSE RULES. A SERVANT HAS TO WATCH HIS MOUTH.

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WE HAVE AN ARRANGED MARRIAGE, SO THIS FIANCE OF MINE IS ALWAYS ON MY MIND.

I WILL BE EXTRA NICE TO THOSE THAT HAVE HELPED ME BEFORE.

*ANALECTS OF CONFUCIUS: YOU CAN'T KNOW A PERSON UNLESS YOU SPEAK WITH HIM/HER.*

YOU DO UNDERSTAND, THAT WHEN ONE DAY I BECOME PART OF THE SIMA CLAN ...

NOW HE'S THE REAL MASTER OF THE SIMA CLAN; HANDLING EVERYTHING; A REAL STAR AMONGST HIS PEERS.

THE HEAD HOUSEKEEPER TOLD ME THAT, YOUNG MASTER LOVES TO LEARN, AND HE READS A LOT. HE EVEN GOT TO MEET MASTER WATER MIRROR, ALMOST BECOMING ONE OF THE EIGHT GENIUSES.

THEN... I SHOULD START FROM HIS CHILD-HOOD.

THOUGH YOUNG MASTER'S REPUTATION REALLY TOOK OFF AFTER THAT.

WAIT A MINUTE, YOU SAID THIS TOY-HOLDING KID ALMOST BECAME ONE OF THE EIGHT GENIUSES?

ALRIGHT, ENOUGH ABOUT HIS BIG NAME.

I DON'T KNOW, BUT I HEARD THAT YOUNG MASTER DECLINED MASTER WATER MIRROR'S OFFER IN THE END.

NO, I KNOW WHO HE IS NOW.

WOULD MILADY LIKE TO HEAR MORE? I ALSO KNOW...

*SUNZI'S ART OF WAR: WARS ARE ABOUT DECEPTIONS.*

*I HAVEN'T FINISHED BOASTING YET.*

NOW I SEE WHY LAO DA LEFT THAT SILLY CLAN.

IF WHAT HE SAID WAS TRUE, WOULDN'T MASTER WATER MIRROR ALREADY HAVE THOUSAND GENIUSES AND HUNDRED ECC-ENTRICISTS?

HE ONLY GOT TO MEET MASTER WATER MIRROR, YET HE BRAGS ABOUT ALMOST BECOMING ONE OF THE EIGHT GENIUSES. THAT'S TYPICAL TRICKERY OF THOSE RICH KIDS.

HAHAHA, I CAN HONESTLY SAY, THIS SIMA CLAN IS ALREADY ...

IN MY OPINION, THE HANDI-CAPPED WARRIORS ARE TRULY AMAZING, BUT THAT YOUNG MASTER ISN'T WORTH HIS SALT.

CLOSE ENOUGH TO EAT.

THEY'RE STILL SPYING ON ME, THEN IT'S GOING TO BE DIFFICULT TO ESCAPE.

BUT... HOW COME I DON'T REMEMBER A THING ABOUT THAT REALLY PEDESTRIAN PAINTING?

XUZHOU

YOU HAVEN'T PAINTED IN A LONG TIME, RIGHT?

SO ARE YOU HAPPY NOW?

YES, I ONLY PAINT WHEN I'M IN THE MOOD.

IS IT NOT THE RIGHT MOM-ENT?

BUT WHY THE HESITA-TION?

OR IS IT BECAUSE THIS SHALL BE YOUR LAST PAINTING?

NO SIR, YOU WON'T.

YOU'RE AFRAID THAT I WILL KILL YOU AFTER YOU'RE DONE.

WHY NOT?

WHY DO YOU SAY THAT?

BEING KNOWN FOR TAKING SOMEONE ELSE'S LAND, BIG BROTHER, HAVE YOU REALIZED SOMETHING DURING YOUR CONTEMPLATION?

PEOPLE MATURE BY LEARNING FROM THEIR MISTAKES.

NOT ONLY WILL YOU LET ME FINISH, BUT YOU'LL ALSO THANK ME FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART.

HOW CAN YOU SAVE THIS COUNTRY WITH ABSOLUTELY NOTHING?

HOW CAN YOU FIGHT THE CRUEL REALITY IF YOU'RE ALWAYS CONCERNED WITH BEING AN HONORABLE MAN?

YOUR THOUGHTS TEND TO REMAIN IN THE SAME PLACE, BIG BROTHER, AND ONLY AFTER AN EPIPHANY WILL YOU TAKE YOUR FIRST STEP.

BEING SIMPLE-MINDED IS NAIVE; BEING FARSIGHTED IS WISE.

IS IT NAIVE, OR WISE?

THE PATRON DOESN'T CARE WHETHER THE PAINTING LOOKS PEDESTRIAN; HE ONLY CARES FOR ITS MEANING.

THAT'S THE INTUITION OF AN ARTIST ...

A SAVIOR ONLY CARES ABOUT THE OUTCOME, NOT WHETHER HE APPEARS SINCERE.

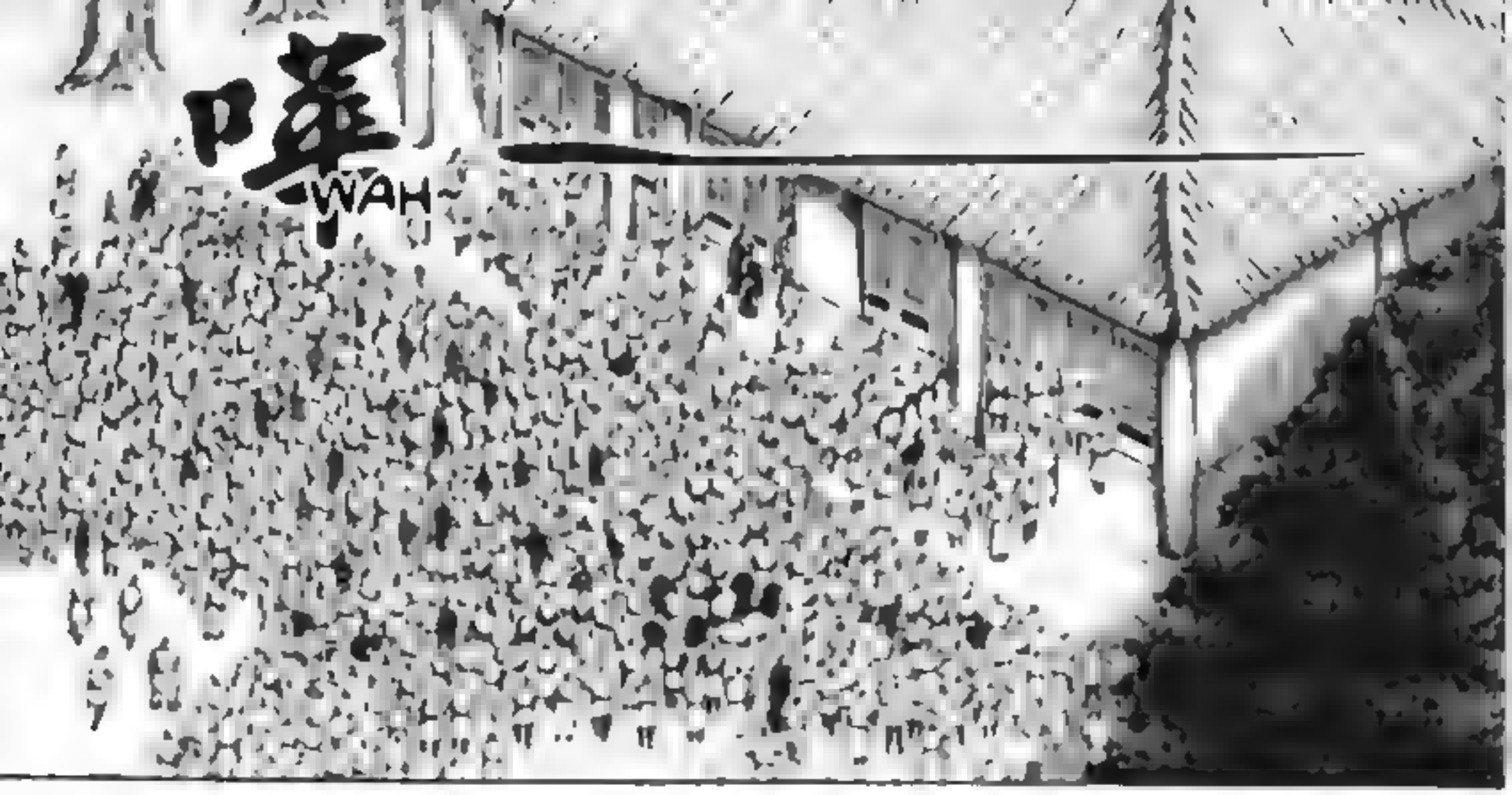
MI ZHU

AND THE HOPE OF THE COMMON PEOPLE.

COME HERE EVERYONE, LORD LIU IS BACK!

LORD LIU... LORD LIU IS BACK!

EVERYONE...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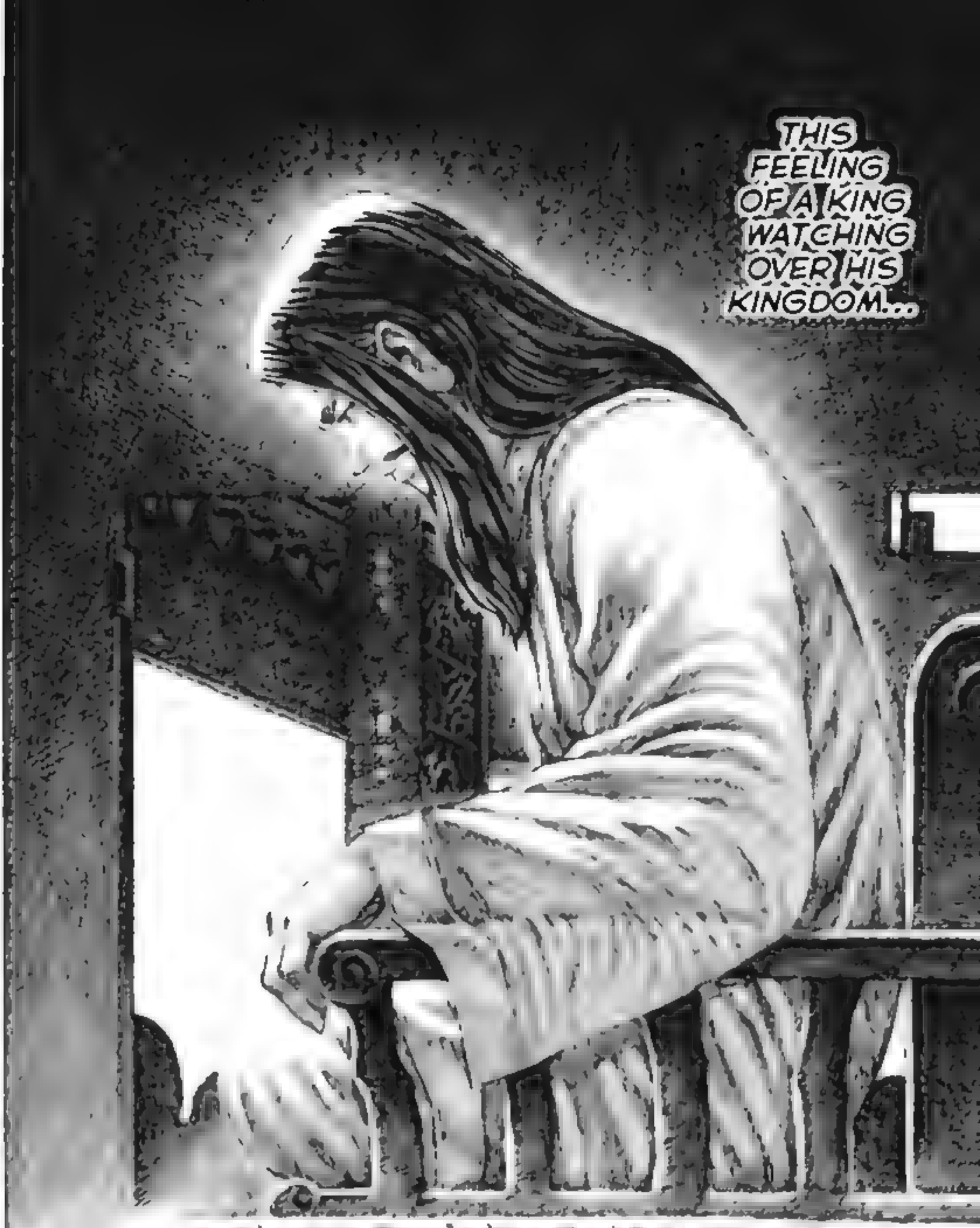
PLEASE START PAINTING.

YES, THIS AURA OF HEGEMONY IS JUST WHAT I NEED.
BUT...


THIS FEELING OF A KING WATCHING OVER HIS KINGDOM...

I HAVE ALREADY EXPERIENCED BEFORE.

AND BECAUSE OF THAT THERE WERE COUNTLESS PATRONS.

HE HELD AN EXQUISITE TOY THAT WAS TOO EXPENSIVE FOR AN AVERAGE CHILD, AS IF TO SHOW OFF HIS HIGH STATUS; ALTHOUGH IT WAS PEDESTRIAN...

I REMEMBER PAINTING TWO PORTRAITS FOR A CHILD.

IT'S SAID THAT... ONE WAS FOR A SCHOOL APPLICATION, WHILE THE OTHER FOR A MARRIAGE PROPOSAL.

THAT YEAR THE PEACH BLOSSOMS OF MY GARDEN BLOOMED LIKE IN THE PAINTINGS,

THE PLAN IN
MOTION,
NOTE THAT
YOUTH'S PLUMA
OF THE
MONY

IS IT NAIVITY?
IS IT WISDOM?
I'M TRYING TO RECALL
THIS PERSON FROM
MY FUZZY MEMORY...

AROUND 195 AD,
LIU BEI BECOMES
THE GOVERNOR
OF XUZHOU.

YOU MEAN... THIS ASYLUM IS FULL OF HIGH-CLASSED MEN OF THE YUAN CLAN?

OF COURSE, WHO'D BUILD THIS BIG OF A HOUSE FOR COMMON FOLKS?

HE WENT HOME TO SLEEP; JUST GIVE IT TO ME.

THEY MAY BE CRAZY, BUT THEY STILL HAVE TITLES; SO THEY MUST BE LOCKED UP TO STAY OUT OF TROUBLE.

WHERE IS THE MAN WHO ORDERED THIS NOODLE?

THIS IS THE BUSIEST JOB IN TOWN, AND OUR LORD PURPOSELY GAVE THE JOB TO THE SUN CLAN...

EVEN THOUGH OUR LORD FAVORS THE SUN CLAN, BUT... WOULDN'T THIS INDIRECTLY DRIVE THEM AWAY?

I HEARD THAT THESE SIRS ARE REALLY HARD TO SERVE.

K'A~

HE WANTS THEM AS HOSTAGES, AND HE WANTS THEM TO LEAVE; WHAT IS OUR LORD THINKING?

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# CHAPTER 132 THE MADNESS STRATEGY

第一百三十二回 狂計謀

HA!

THIS ... THIS GUY IS...?

I SWEAR TO KILL LU BU!

WITH A BLADE IN HAND!

THEY ALL BECOME THAT WAY ONCE THEY MEET LU BU.

FOR THE SAKE OF MORALE, NO WONDER OUR LORD HAD TO "KEEP HIM IN".

RIGHT, THAT YEAR AT HULAO PASS HE MET LU BU AND GOT SICK. NOW I SEE THAT HE ENDED UP HERE.

I REMEMBER NOW. HE USED TO BE A DEFENSE CAPTAIN AT SHOUCHUN; HIS NAME IS YUAN YI.

CRIMINAL DONG HAS TOLD ME ABOUT LU BU'S WEAKNESS, AND NOW I CAN DEFINITELY DEFEAT HIM.

WHERE'S MY SON XIANG YU'S KILLER?

A LOAD OF CRAP! DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU ALREADY KILLED LU BU?

PAL, HAVEN'T YOU HEARD OF THE LU BU IMPERSONATORS?

THIS ... THIS IS...

THAT SUN SAID THESE MEN HERE ARE OUR CAPTORS!

WHERE'S MY BROTHER'S KILLER?

WHAT'RE WE WAITING FOR? CHARGE!

NO SIGN OF LU BU ...

OH NO! TELL THE PATROL THAT THERE'S A MUTINY AT THE ASYLUM

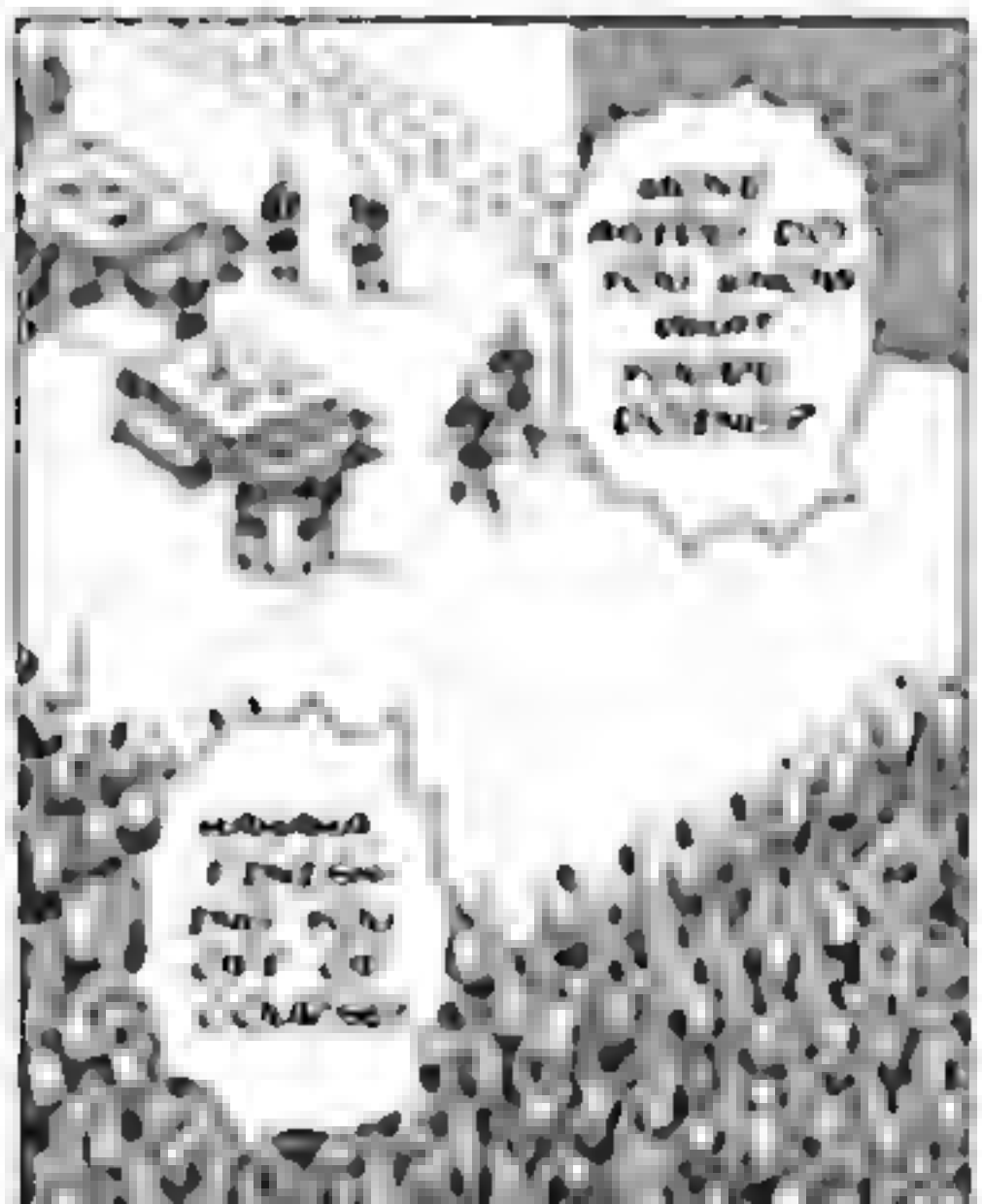
ONCE I LEAVE BY THE SOUTH GATE, LU BU WILL PRETEND TO BE OUR FORCES AND ATTACK THE CITY.

HE MUST'VE BEEN FRIGHTENED AWAY BY MY FEARSOME NAME.

SUN, LET'S GO FIND THAT COWARD!

HOW DO I GET OUT? THE EXIT IS BLOCKED!

I'LL RETURN AFTER I KILL LU BU!



SOUTH GATE? OH NO, TODAY'S

SOUTH GATE

ALL I KNOW IS THAT YOUR SECOND CARAVAN IS STILL ON ITS WAY HERE.

STRANGE, YUAN CLAN'S MESSENGER HASN'T ARRIVED?

MISTER GUARD DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING, YOU MUST BE NEW, RIGHT?

HOW... HOW DO YOU KNOW?

HE... HE'S BACK!

CA_ CAPTAIN CHEN!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

WHO?

BROTHER YUAN, ARE YOU FULLY RECOVERED?

MY GOOD BROTHER, YOU'RE HERE TO WELCOME ME!

BUT... THEY SAID YOU CONTRACTED A CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, AND GOT SENT HOME!

HAH! DO I LOOK SICK TO YOU?

THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. I HAVE A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR YOU!

MESS-AGE?

IS IT OK TO LET THEM GO?

DON'T WORRY, I'LL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY. JUST GO DEPLOY THE TROOP.

CAPTAIN YUAN, A TROOP IS COMING!

BLOCK THE GATE, PREPARE FOR BATTLE.

IS THERE A FLAG?

IT'S GENERAL LIAO!

呜 LONG~

BA... BATTLE?

GUARD HOW DARE YOU LET PEOPLE OUT WITHOUT PERMISSION!

OPEN THE GATES NOW I'M GOING TO PURSUE THEM!

BROTHER YUAN, WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

CAPTAIN CHEN, THIS IS BAD FOR OUR FIRST DAY ON THE JOB

THIS GUY IS...

GUARD THIS GATE, I'LL GO DOWN TO FIGHT LU BU!

LU... YOU MEAN LU BU GOT INTO THE CITY?

QUITE GUTSY, AREN'T YOU! YOU THINK THAT DISGUISE IS GOING TO FOOL ME?

THEY ARE IN CONFUSION NOW LET'S GET AWAY AS THE NIGHT FALLS.

I DON'T LIKE YOU SAID A MADMAN HAS HIS USES TOO.

WHAT SHALL REALLY REMAINS IT UNTIL HIMSELF THIS TIME.

THE SHAN CLAN'S TACTIC IS MORE AMAZING THAN THAT OF THE SIMA CLAN, RIGHT?

I DON'T WANT TO COMMENT ON THIS SORT OF THING.

DON'T WORRY, EVERY-THING'S ACCORD-ING TO PLAN.

HE'S HERE.

PENG~

BUT I AM A BIT UNEASY...

PAT

DESTINATION ... WANCHENG!

GOOD, LET'S GO!

YOUNG MASTER SUN, GENERAL SUN IS OUT!

WANCH-ENG?

YOU SHOULD GO FIND SIMA CLAN'S CARAVAN, AND TELL THEM TO CHANGE COURSE TO WANCHENG.

LIAO... YOUNG MASTER ZHAO, WE'RE ALL HERE.

I'LL WAIT FOR YOU THERE.

LAO DA DIDN'T SEE HIM, RIGHT?

YOUNG MASTER SIMA? WASN'T HE WITH YOU?

ZHONG DA...!

THE CARAVAN HAS THE WRITTEN PASS, SO THEY WOULD BE HEADING THERE TOO.

BUT SUN CE STILL HAS TO PASS SOME CHECK-POINTS.

THEY'RE HEADING FOR WANCHENG, THEN...

I'VE COUNTED THE PATIENTS AT THE ASYLUM, AND THOSE WHO ARE RELATED TO THE THREE CHECK-POINT GUARDS ARE MISSING.

SO THEY'RE PLANNING TO USE PEOPLE INSTEAD OF A WRITTEN PASS, JUST LIKE WHAT THEY DID HERE.

RULE ENFORCEMENTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN PROBLEMATIC IN THE YUAN CLAN; IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT'D BE POINTLESS TO CHASE THEM.

NO MORE DISCUSSIONS. SUN CE HAS LEFT, AND SO DID THE SIMA CLAN.

LU BU! YOU THINK YOU CAN IMPERSONATE MY LORD AND FOOL ME?

MY LORD, I HAD NO IDEA, THIS... I REALLY HAD NO IDEA...

YUAN YI'S MUTINY IS UNDENIABLE; NOW I CAN TAKE HIS MILITARY COMMAND WITHOUT ANY OBJECTIONS.

BASED ON THEIR ESCAPE ROUTE, I BET CHENG PU HAS ALREADY TAKEN WANCHENG.

NO, OUR LORD HAS ALREADY BROKEN A PROMISE TO SUN CE OVER LUJIANG, IT'S NOT GOOD FOR THE REPUTATION IF HE DOES IT AGAIN!

ONLY... ONLY BEEN A FEW DAYS, MY LORD MUST BE KIDDING!

IF THAT'S TRUE, LET ME TAKE MY LEGION TO WANCHENG, BEFORE THEY SETTLE DOWN.

YES, I AGREE.

AND IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU, HOW COULD WE HAVE LOST SO "REASONABLY"?

YOU'RE STILL A MAN OF THE YUAN CLAN, SO I WON'T KILL YOU.

SEND A NOTICE, GIVE WAN TO SUN CE.

THERE WERE TWO STRATEGIES; TO PUT IT BLUNTLY, I COMPLETEY LOST THE FIRST ONE.

LU BU, JUST KILL ME; I'M NOT AFRAID OF YOU!

DING.

TO PUT IT NICELY ...

I HAVE LAID THE PERFECT FOUNDATION FOR ADVISOR'S SECOND STRATEGY.

THE FIRST STRATEGY IS THE BAIT;

THE FISH THAT BITES IT WILL REALIZE THAT THE SECOND STRATEGY IS THE HOOK.

THE FISH HAS BEEN CAUGHT.

I TREATED YOU WELL, WHY'RE YOU TRYING TO GET AWAY?

BESIDES, THE SIMA CLAN CARAVAN IS GOING TO WANCHENG,

WHY NOT GO TOG-ETHER?

HAVING STAYED WITH MILADY FOR A FEW DAYS, I MAY HAVE SOME IDEA ABOUT WHAT MILADY'S THINKING, AND I DOUBT WE'RE GOING THAT WAY.

RIGHT, IF THE SIMA CLAN FINDS OUT ABOUT MY AMBITION, THEN THIS "MARRIAGE" WOULD BE...

MEN LIKE TO MARRY SIMPLE HOUSE-WIVES, AND WITH SOMEONE AS TALENTED AS MILADY, PERHAPS THE SIMA CLAN WON'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT.

BUT I DARE TO SAY, MY YOUNG MASTER KNOWS HOW TO DEAL WITH A FEISTY WOMAN.

I'M AFRAID OF BLOOD, CAN YOU KEEP MY BODY IN ONE PIECE?

AS YOU WISH.

GET

GOOD NEWS,

HUANG GAI HAS DEPLOYED TROOPS IN THE REGION NORTH OF WAN TO WATCH OUR BACKS.

THEN WE'RE PRETTY MUCH DISCON-NECTED FROM YUAN SHU NOW.

EVERY-ONE HAS WORKED REALLY HARD, THANKS!

# CHAPTER 133 THE LAST STEP

# 一百三十三回 最後一步

RIGHT, NOW IS THE LAST CHANCE TO REST.

NOW ONCE WE MEET UP WITH THE CARAVAN, WE'LL USE THAT FUNDING TO APPEASE THE RESIDENTS AT WANCHENG AND SETTLE THERE.

YOUNG MASTER, THEY'RE HERE.

IT'S NOT OVER YET, DON'T LET THEM DRINK TOO MUCH.

YES-SIR.

EVEN OLD XU IS GETTING SENTI-MENTAL.

LONG TIME NO SEE, YOUNG MASTER SUN!

THE ONCE FAMOUS CLAN OF THE EASTERN REGION HAS RISEN AGAIN; WHO WOULDN'T BE MOVED TO TEARS!

IT'S FINALLY HERE.

I FEEL SO RELIEVED HEARING THAT YOUNG MASTER IS GOING TO GUARD IT PERSONALLY.

NOW THAT THE ITEM IS RETURNED, WE CAN FINALLY SLEEP IN PEACE.

BACK WHEN MASTER LEFT THE ITEM FOR ME TO SAFEGUARD, I SWORE TO PROTECT IT WITH MY LIFE.

HUMAN HEART IS UNPREDICTABLE, AND IF IT WASN'T FOR YOUNG MASTER, HONG ZUO WOULD'VE LEAKED OUT THE SECRET.

LET ME SAY IT AGAIN, THIS DOESN'T BELONG TO THE SUN CLAN.

RIGHT, IMPERIAL HAN IS STILL IN THE CONTROL OF DONG ZHUO'S REMAINING FORCES, PLUS THE HUNGRY WARLORDS ... THIS TASK WILL BE TEDIOUS.

NOW THAT WE HAVE WAN AS A BASE, AND AFTER WE EXTEND OUR INFLUENCE INTO THE EASTERN REGIONS, WHO'D DARE TO COME AFTER IT?

YES-SIR.

I WANT YOU TO GO GATHER OUR FORMER SUB-ORDINATES, AND TELL THEM WE'RE STARTING OVER.

THE SUN CLAN IS A CLAN OF LOYALISTS, AND WE'RE HONORED TO PROTECT THIS IMPERIAL TREA-SURE. AS LONG AS WE EXIST, IT SHALL NOT FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.

A COMM-ENDATION PARTY?

THEN WHERE ARE YOU GOING, MISTER OWNER?

THE JOB'S DONE, SO I'M GOING HOME.

OH YEAH, MISTER ZHAO IS SCOUTING FOR THE CARAVAN, RIGHT?

THE TRAVELER'S INN IS IN A REMOTE AREA; JUST FOLLOW THE MARKINGS I'VE SET.

WAN'S GRAND ADMINISTRATOR IS DEAD,

SO HIS SUBORDINATES SHOULD ALL HAVE GONE SOUTHWARD, TURNING TO CRIMES, PERHAPS. DON'T WORRY, IF IT'S NOT SAFE, I WOULDN'T DARE TO COME OUT HERE.

WAN'S TERRITORY IS VAST, AND OUR FORCE IS TOO SMALL TO COVER THE AREA. I'M WORRIED ABOUT OUR ENEMY'S REMAINING FORCES AROUND HERE; HAVE YOU SEEN ANY?

THEN GOOD LUCK.

BE CAREFUL.

XIU~

DAMNIT, WHAT DID YOU DO THAT FOR?

HOW CAN YOU SLEEP DURING GUARD DUTY?

DON'T WORRY, BROTHER ZHAO, NOTHING IS AROUND HERE, I'VE CHECKED.

BUT YOU STILL SHOULDN'T DRINK SO MUCH, SOMETHING COULD'VE GONE WRONG!

HUH, THE CARAVAN IS SO FAST...

IT'S NOT HERE YET, I'M JUST SCOUTING AHEAD.

WHERE HAS LAO DA GONE TO?

HE WENT TO PICK UP MS. SHAN.

YOU LOOK SO WORRIED...

A SERVANT OF MINE IS MISSING, HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

THAT'S YOUR FAMILY'S BUSINESS, HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

LAO ER, HAS ANYONE LEFT?

DIDN'T I SAY THAT LAO DA LEFT?

THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN ALL THE HORSES, RIGHT?

WAKE UP! WHERE ARE THE HORSES?

WAS THERE ANYTHING IN THESE DRINKS?

IS THAT WHY YOU DRANK SO MUCH?

HOW COULD THERE BE, I CHECKED IT MYSELF!

YOU GUYS GOT CARE-LESS.

KA-PENG~

BACK DOOR!

SPY!

SPY...? WHO?

MUST'VE BEEN THE OWNER!

HOW MANY?

OVER A HUNDRED, AND THEY JUST SHOWED UP!

THEN... YUAN SHU SET AN AMBUSH HERE AHEAD OF TIME?

IMPOSSI-BLE, THEY'D HAVE BEEN BLOCKED BY HUANG GAI!

THEY CAME FROM THE NORTH, SO ARE THEY YUAN SHU'S TROOPS?

THE MAPS ARE DONE, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.

NO, I THINK THESE ARE JUST BANDITS, FORMED BY THE REMNANT FORCES FROM WAN.

QUICK, PACK UP!

MI... MILADY!

THE MEAL HAS JUST BEEN PREPARED, WHY THE RUSH TO LEAVE?

WHAT'S WRONG?

MILADY, STAY AWAY!

IT MIGHT NOT BE DELICIOUS, BUT IT'D BE A PITY TO WASTE.

FORTUN-ATELY I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD AT THE CLEANUP WORK.

BESIDES, WITH SUCH A SHOW TO ENTERTAIN ME, I SUDDENLY HAVE AN APPETITE.

TODAY I PRETEND TO BE A BANDIT, SO THAT I CAN...

STEAL A BITE OF A "HORSE",

* WORD PLAY: "MA" IN "SIMA" IS THE CHARACTER FOR HORSE

MILADY, WE... WE'VE BEEN SURROUNDED!

AND SWALLOW A "MOUNTAIN".

* WORD PLAY: "SHAN" IS THE [illegible]

SOMEONE SUBMITS UNDER THE RULE OF MS. ENEMY. MODE OF RESIDENT MUSICIAN

MS. SHAN.

SOMEONE BARES WITNESS DESCENDENT OF A DEAD FRIEND. IN MODE OF OBTAINING THE TREASURE

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU.

THEIR STRATEGIES GO BACK AND FORTH, JUST WAITING FOR THE OTHER SIDE TO GET CARELESS.

ONE WOULD COME BACK TO EXACT REVENGE ONCE THE EASTERN REGION HAS BEEN TAKEN;

ONE WOULD ELIMINATE ALL TRACES OF HIS CRIME ONCE THE TREASURE IS OBTAINED.

MY LORD SAID IT'S HARD TO GET THE TRUTH OUT OF MISTER SUN WHEN HE'S DRUNK.

I SAY IT'S ALSO HARD TO ATTACK MISTER SUN WHEN HE'S DRUNK.

WHAT A GODLY MAN.

IF ONE IS A GOD, WHY WOULD HE MISS A SEAL FROM THE WORLD OF MEN?

IF ONE SERVES A LORD, WHY WOULD HE DECLARE HIMSELF THE EMPEROR?

AGAIN I SAY, RETAKING THE EASTERN REGION,

IS
NOT EASY
AT ALL!

ONE!

TWO!

MY LORD... ISN'T THIS KIND OF WASTEFUL?

THREE!

IF WE DON'T TEAR DOWN THE OLD, WHERE'S ROOM FOR GROWTH?

WHAT MIGHT LOOK WASTEFUL TO SIMPLETONS IS REALLY RENOVATION IN THE EYES OF THE WISE.

IF A BUILDING'S FOUNDATION ISN'T STABLE, NO AMOUNT OF REPAIR IS GOING TO PROLONG ITS LIFE. MIGHT AS WELL REBUILD IT.

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# CHAPTER 134 THE PRETENTIOUS KINDNESS

THIS SCENE REMINDS ME OF THE DESPAIR FELT BY THE EMPEROR OF ZHOU DURING THE WARRING PERIODS.

THE YELLOW TURBAN REBELLION HAS SHOWN THAT THE WORLD IS AGAINST IMPERIAL HAN; THE SEGMENTATION OF OUR LAND BY WARLORDS HAS SIGNALED THE DEATH OF HAN.

MY LORD DOES SEEM TO HAVE THAT FAR-SIGHTEDNESS OF THE LORD OF QIN.

YES-SIR.

REBUILD IT ACCO-RDING TO THIS PICTURE.

IF THEY'RE JUST GOING TO SEE US AS TRAITORS, WE MIGHT AS WELL TAKE IT ONE STEP FURTHER, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE!

THOUGH WE MUSTN'T BE TOO EXTREME, AND SINCE THE PEOPLE ARE SUPERSTITIOUS, WE'D NEED ONE MORE THING TO APPEASE THEM, JUST LIKE WHAT EMPEROR GUANGWU LIU XIU DID WITH THE IMPERIAL SEAL.

THE WORLD IS CHAOTIC RIGHT NOW, SO EVEN IF WE SAVE THE EMPEROR, WE'D STILL BE SEEN AS TRYING TO USE HIM FOR OUR GAIN.

OH.

THAT'S WHY I TOOK IN SUN CE.

JEALOUS OF YOU, BECAUSE THE CAPABLE
GUESS WHAT EXPRESSION WOULD BE ON MY BROTHER'S FACE IF HE SAW THIS.

THE EASTERN REGION USED TO BELONG TO THE SUN CLAN; NOW THAT THEY'VE GOT A BASE, THE FORMER SUBORDINATES WOULD NATURALLY FLOCK THERE.

I HEARD THAT CHENG PU HAS SENT BACK OUR TROOPS ONCE HE TOOK WAN. THEIR DRAFT WAS QUITE FAST.

DON'T WORRY, MY LORD, WE STILL HAVE SPIES IN THEIR CLAN. THE MOMENT WE KNOW THAT THEY'RE IN THE CITY, I CAN MOVE IN WITH MY TROOP.

VICE, PREPARE A TROOP TO BLOCK THE ROUTE INTO WAN, LET NONE OF THEIR FORMER SUBORDINATES IN.

THE SHREWD SUN CE WOULD RETRIEVE THE SEAL BEFORE ENTERING THE CITY.

AND ONCE THEY'VE GOT A BASE, THEY NEEDN'T HIDE THE IMPERIAL SEAL ANYMORE. I THINK IT WILL ARRIVE SOON.

OH YEAH, THEY HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IMPRESSION OF YOU, RIGHT?

NO NEED FOR A FIGHT, JUST GO AS THE AMBASS-ADOR OF CONDOLENCE.

A COMMEN-DATION PARTY?

YEAH, AND SINCE MISTER SUN IS THERE, WHY DON'T YOU GO TO HIM?

I'VE ALREADY SENT PEOPLE TO CONTACT THE COMMANDERS IN THE REGION.

THE INN IS LOCATED IN A REMOTE AREA, BUT YOU'LL GET THERE IF YOU JUST FOLLOW THE SIGNS I HAVE PLACED.

BOSS, SHOULD WE LISTEN TO HIM?

WE'VE BEEN WANDERING AROUND EVER SINCE OUR LORD DIED, BUT NOW THERE'S FINALLY A THREAD OF HOPE!

MY BROTHERS, SUN CE IS HERE!

REGROUP, LET'S HEAD FOR THE INN!

SO... SO MANY.

MISS-ION COMPL-ETE.

GO TELL THE ADVISOR THAT THEY'VE ALL REGROUPED.

PA-TO

WE'VE GOT THE IMPERIAL SEAL!

GENERAL JI ORDERS AN IMMEDIATE RETREAT!

GIVE THE SEAL BACK TO ME!

HURRY! SUN CE IS COMING!

I SAY THIS GUY IS ALSO.. NOT HUMAN!

IMPOSSIBLE, I THOUGHT I STABBED HIM WHEN HE WAS DRUNK...

A STAB... IS NOT ENOUGH.

LEARN THIS, YOU SHOULD BEHEAD THE MAN YOU WANT TO KILL!

THEN WHY ARE YOU ALL HERE?

YOU STILL DON'T GET IT?

MISTER SUN, OUR LORD NEVER INTENDED TO KILL YOU.

WAKE UP! WE'VE GOT TROUBLE!

YOU'RE NOT GETTING AWAY!

TOUGH GUY, BUT...

WRONG WEAPON!!

PENG~

ANOTHER ONE.

WHAT DON'T I GET?

PENG~

THIS MAN MUST DIE!

PA~

PA~

PA~

I DIDN'T EXPECT YUAN SHU TO HAVE SUCH AN IDEA

OH NO!

ON SECOND THOUGHT, WITH A POWERFUL GENERAL LIKE HIM, YUAN SHU COULD'VE EASILY TAKEN LU AND WAN, SO WHY DID HE...

FAREWELL, MISTER SUN.

WE HAVE NO HORSE, RIGHT...?

MISTER SUN, FOLLOW THEM OUT OF HERE...

LONG~

AR... ARMY?

NORTH-HILL DIVISION, REPORTING FOR DUTY!

WEST-HILL DIVISION, REPORTING FOR DUTY!

FORWARD DIVISION, REPORTING FOR DUTY!

LET'S RETURN THE COURTESY!

MY BROTHERS, THE SUN CLAN HAS KILLED OUR LORD AND TAKEN OUR CITY,

BLOOD FOR BLOOD!

SUN CE!

DIE! SUN CE!

EXACT REVENGE FOR OUR LORD!

IS NOW WHOLE AGAIN...

BECAUSE MS. SHAN USED TACTICS TO LURE AWAY THE MAIN FORCE, BUT... THE SCATTERED ARMY...

CHENG PU WAS ABLE TO EASILY TAKE WANCHENG,

IT'S OVER!

MISTER SUN, GO, I'LL COVER YOU!

NO, I'LL COVER YOU, JUST TAKE MY MEN AND GO!

NO, AS LONG AS THERE'S A THREAD OF HOPE...

EXCEPT... IT'S HOPELESS...

BUT, THAT THREAD ...

IS ALREADY
BROKEN!

STRATEGY TWO, DONE.

KILL

DISOBEDIENCE AND KIDNAPPING ARE FACTS, SO IS MY LORD'S GENEROSITY TO OVERLOOK THESE CRIMES.

FOR FEAR OF LOSING WAN TOO, SUN CE SNUCK OUT AGAINST ORDER, EVEN KIDNAPPING IMPORTANT PATIENTS IN THE PROCESS.

UNFORTU-NATELY HE MEETS A VEN-GEFUL ARMY FROM WAN ALONG THE WAY...

ONCE WAN IS TAKEN, SUN CE DISMISSES OUR TROOPS AND STARTS TO DRAFT HIS OWN ARMY. HIS AMBITION IS ALSO A FACT.

HE DIES YOUNG, ANOTHER FACT!

RIGHT, YOU'RE VERY SMART. NEXT, LIAO LAN, IN THE NAME OF THE YUAN CLAN, WILL HELP THE SUN CLAN EXACT REVENGE FOR SUN CE, EXCEPT ON THE WAY THERE...

LIAO LAN WILL DISCOVER THE MISSING IMPERIAL SEAL IN THE HANDS OF THE MURDERERS.

I SAY, LIAO LAN WILL SECRETLY GET IT FROM JI LING.

THAT'S BRILLIANT, IT PROVES THAT THE SUN CLAN HID THE SEAL.

AFTER SUN CE DIES, MY LORD WILL SEND LIAO LAN TO GIVE HIS CONDOLENCES, AND WITHOUT ANY FUSS ABOUT THE OFFENSES, CONTINUE TO LET THE SUN CLAN GOVERN WANCHENG.

CONTINUE TO GOVERN? WITHOUT A LEADER, I SAY THE PERSON DOING THE GOVERNING WILL BE LIAO LAN.

SO HOW'RE YOU GOING TO USE ME THEN?

SO I'M GOING TO KEEP YOU AND USE UP YOUR CLAN'S FORTUNE.

FATE HAS BROUGHT YOU TO ME,

ADVISOR IS SUCH A TALENTED MAN, BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU...

I DIDN'T GET THE SIMA CLAN, BUT I GOT THE SHAN CLAN THAT HAS BEEN SILENTLY SERVING CAO CAO.

I COULD'VE TAKEN LU AND WAN IF I WANTED TO, BUT IT'S BETTER TO LET SUN CE DO IT. ONE, IT'LL FORCE HIM TO GIVE US THE SEAL.

AND TWO, I WANT HIM TO DIE A REASONABLE DEATH ON THE BATTLEFIELD. HOWEVER, THIS IS ONLY THE FIRST STRATEGY.

THERE ARE TWO TYPES OF STRATEGY, ONE IS PROGNOSIS; WHILE THE OTHER IS THE CHAIN REAC-TION STRATEGY THAT DEPENDS ON THE FIRST.

I ADVISED MY LORD TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE FIRST STRATEGY, SO AS TO KEEP YOU BUSY; AND I WOULD PERSONALLY OVERSEE THE SECOND STRATEGY, FOR CLEANUP.

SIEZE IT UNDER THE GUISE OF THOSE BANDITS FROM WAN.

ADVISOR, THE SIMA CLAN'S CARAVAN IS NEARBY.

*OBTAIN LUJIANG, TAKE WANCHENG, KILL SUN CE, SNATCH THE SEAL, AND ACQUIRE THE SUBORDINATES OF THE SUN CLAN. CONSIDERING THAT HE DID THESE TERRIBLE THINGS, YUAN SHU DOESN'T LOOK BAD AT ALL; INSTEAD, HE'LL BE SEEN AS MERCIFUL AND HONORABLE, FOR THAT HE HAS DONE WELL AS THE FIRST STEP TOWARD DECLARING HIMSELF THE EMPEROR.*

*THIS SUPPORTING FIGURE... IS REALLY A GENIUS!*

WE CAUGHT THEM ALL.

GO-OD.

ADVISOR, THERE'S ONE MORE.

XIAO... XIAO XU!

PA~

OUT!

AIYA, TAKE IT EASY, MY NECK HURTS A LOT!

ONE... ONE MORE?

TEN DIED, TWENTY WERE CAUGHT, WHO ELSE?

OH!

OH!

OH!

OH!

SIMA YI'S
PATIENCE HAS
REACHED ITS
LIMIT...

【下期預告】

臣之道，是正？是歪？

將之路，是揚？是挫？

商之策，是吞？是併？

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